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DRAFTEES LEAVE NEXT WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The eighty-six draftees from this district will leave Smethport next Wednesday morning at 9:05 via the Pennsylvania railroad. They will be accompanied to the train by the Smethport Allied band and a large concourse of relatives and friends.

All men as called for this contingent must report at Smethport Tuesday, May 28, at 11:00 a. m.

In completing official list of men to whom official notices were sent Monday by the Smethport board, exemption was granted seven men mostly for reason of employment and seven other names added.

Those whose names appeared on the tentative list but who have now been placed subject to deferred call are:

Gust Egnar Nyberg, Kane, Pa.
Harry Oliver Himes, Hazelhurst, Pa.
Leo LaVrence Lynch, Smethport, Pa.
William P. Kriz, Kane, Pa.
James Raymond Sieger, Kane, Pa.
Wayne Shelley, Port Allegany, Pa.
Lloyd Townsend, Port Allegany, Pa.

The men who have been summoned to appear in their stead and whose names are next in succession to last men on tentative list are:

John T. Carlson, Norwich.
Flavio Vecellio, Lewis Run.
James Cawley, Port Allegany.
Lester E. Moline, Kane.
Herman E. Bishop, Lewis Run.
Peter L. Toole, Mt. Jewett.
Lewis F. Henry, Hazelhurst.

These men with the other 76 mentioned below will be sent to Columbus Barracks, O., under call for 3,750 to be specially inducted into service.

Howard Waldo Mell, Kane Pa.
Theodore Kalambokas, Morrison, Pa.
Joseph Feura, Smethport, Pa.
Charles Leo Clark, Kane, Pa.
Fred Raymond Baker, Port Allegany
Charles E. Henkel, Marvindale, Pa.
Edward W. Huber, Norwich, Pa.
Arelie L. Mencer, Smethport, Pa.
Giuseppi Cosentino, Kane, Pa.
Eugene Robert Vollmer, Kane, Pa.
Thomas Henry Clark, Jr, Smethport,
Giuseppe Pinglaro, Lewis Run, Pa.
Everett Westfall, Mt. Jewett, Pa.
Edwin Walter Anderson, Mt. Jewett.
Frank Pastor, Hazelhurst, Pa.
Frank Arthur Olson, Kane, Pa.
Walter Lawrence Larson, Mt. Jewett.
John A. Dalton, Kane Pa.
William Allen Puncheon, Pt Allegany
Frank Dolphin, Kane, Pa.
George Washington Sillies, Clermont.
William Lloyd London, Kane, Pa.
Jay F. Murray, Betula, Pa.
Chris Peter Christenson, Mt. Jewett,
Joseph Raymond Alexander, Kane.
Harry Nye, Colegrove, Pa.
John David Strand, Kane, Pa.
Raymond M. Ingraham, Smethport.
James Martin Ennis, Clermont, Pa.
Raymond Thomas Vennard, Lafayette
Manning Harold Anderson, Ludlow.
Edward George Holland, Kane, Pa.
Emmett Francis Daly, Kane, Pa.,
John Walker, E. Smethport Pa.
Theodore J. Antonson, Pt. Allegany,
Ralph Robert Hardes, Pt. Allegany.
Max Faxstein, Kane, Pa.
Michael Akimenka, Kane, Pa.
Arthur Christenson, Ludlow, Pa.
Pasquale Micili, Kane, Pa.
Charles Bailey, Port Allegany, Pa.
Daniel Boyd Hutchison, Kane, Pa.
Don Lyman Archibald, Kane, Pa.
Joseph Burgart, Port Allegany.
Vernon Everitt Swanson, Clermont,
Lloyd Lemmler, Hazelhurst, Pa.
Edwin Oscar Wennerstrom, Pt Alleg'y
Millie Frank Rosette, Pt Allegany.
Peter Edward Peterson, Mt. Jewett,
Charles Lawrence Fenstermaker, Lafayette, Pa.
Guy Lamont Burr, Port Allegany, Pa.
Scott P. Conley, Smethport, Pa.
Manford Hamlin Johnson, Smethport,
Irvin McCarthy, Smethport, Pa.
Frank B. Fay, Smethport, Pa.
Fred Arthur Hagman, Clermont, Pa.
Paul Boran, Westline, Pa.
Clyde Cady, Betula, Pa.
Archie Clinton Cook, Kane, Pa.
Carl Edward Johnson, Mt. Jewett, Pa.
Rosario Neru, Wrights, Pa.
Fred Alrick Swanson, Kane, Pa.
Levi Davis, Port Allegany, Pa.
Shelby C. Dahle, Kane, Pa.
Lloyd Ray Gifford, Crosby, Pa.
Kenneth Willoughby, Gifford, Pa.
Sylvester Ross, Lewis Run, Pa.
James Franklin Steele, Pt Allegany,
Thomas Griffith Lyte, Kane, Pa.
Joseph Vincent Hughes, Port Allegany
Rene Joseph Flavion, Kane, Pa.
Leo Aloysius Fitzmartin, Kane, Pa.
Pietro Crazi, Lewis Run, Pa.
Earl Frederick McCarthy, Smethport,
Thomas Renda, Smethport, Pa.
Melvin C. Edinger, Kane, Pa.
William Wallace Crawford, Kane, Pa.
Julius Anderson, Ludlow, Pa.
Henry B. Maze, Hazelhurst, Pa.

QUEEN OF THE MAY.

The pupils of the first six grades of the borough schools will give a cantata "Queen o'the May" on Wednesday evening, May 29th at 8:15 o'clock for the benefit of the Red Cross. The cantata is under the direction of Mrs. E. E. Bouton assisted by the Misses Irma Wells and Dorothy Hogarth, Mr. J. L. Morrison and the Travelers' Club Sextette.

The program for the evening is as follows:

Act I. (1) Chorus "Tomorrow is May Day."—School Children.
(2) Trio "Suppose It Should Rain" Marian Anderson, Linda Johnson, Mrs. Bouton.
Solo—Selected—Miss Irma Wells.
Act II. Solo—"Kind People, your Attention." William Spanogle.
(4) Solo and Chorus "Old Glory" Lawrence Hopper and School Children.
(5) Double Quartette—"Scatter Flowers." Helen Wright, Mary Lillibridge, Thelma Karlen.
(6) Solo "We have Brought the Dainty Lady" Isabel Ross.
(7) Solo and chorus, "Because Tho Art So Fair,"—Charlotte Spanogle and school children.
(8) Flag Drill. Twelve Boys.
Sextette—Selected, Travelers Club Sextette.
Act III. (10) "Jumping Song"—Homer Choate, John Iddings, John Dragoon and Six other Boys.
(11) Solo "Don't Fight, Dear Little Boys."—Linda Johnson.
(12) Solo "The Promise of May Mrs. Bouton.
(13) Solo "Poet Am I." J. L. Morrison.
(14) Duet "Save the children" "Mrs. Bouton, Mr. Morrison.
(15) Duet and chorus "The Thankful Song". Louise Redfield, Fern Burdick and school children.
(16) Trio "The Little Pink Parasol", Katherine Pomeroy, Gladys Becker, Jane VanDyke.
(17) Solo Don't Fight, Dear Little Girls",—Andrew Van Dyke.
(18) Solo "Day Is Waning". Mrs. Bouton.
19) Solo and Chorus "Lily, Is Lost" John Hungerford and School children.
(20) Chorus—"Joy, Joy, Joy." School Children
(21) Duet and chorus East or West, Home is Best." Mrs. Bouton, Mr. Morrison and School Children.

HEADQUARTERS MCKEAN POST No. 347.

Department of Pennsylvania G. A. R.

1. Comrades of this Post will meet at the Post Room Sunday May 26th at 2:30 p. m. to attend Memorial Services at the Episcopal church, at 3 p. m.

2. Comrades will meet at the Post Room Thursday May 30th at 1 o'clock p. m. for Memorial Day Parade and services at the cemetery.

By Command
E. R. Mayo, Commander,
H. M. Choate, Adjutant.

MARRIED SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Married Saturday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Brittain of West Main street, Miss Alice Brittain and Arthur Ness, well known Smethport young people. The bride is a charming young lady who was employed prior to her marriage at The Fry Company' store and has a host of friends who wish her much happiness. The groom is employed at the Backus Novelty Works and is a popular and industrious young man. The young couple will make their home in Smethport after returning from a short honeymoon trip. The MINER extends its best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ness.

WANTED.

Two good lumber pilers. Steady position. Address Hyde-Murphy Co., Ridgway, Pa. adv20w2

NOTICE—Colts trained thoroughly at reasonable rates. J. H. Taylor. Phone 119R5. adv20w2.

—The Home Guards are to make a house canvass to-morrow (Friday) in the interest o the Red Cross Drive. Have your contribution ready.

Potatoes for sale at $1.00 per bushel
MARTIN & TASH,
adv20w2 Coryville, Pa

RED CROSS DRIVE.

The Campaign to raise the $10,000 apportioned to the Smethport Chapter A. R. C. as her share of the Second Red Cross War Fund is in the hands of a very capable committee, the results bid fair to be most gratifying and there is every indication to suppose that Smethport district will go "over the top" as it has in every instance so far.

J. S. Walker is the chairman and he has appointed the following District chairmen—Clermont, W. S. Ringrose; Eldred, H. W. Colegrove; Norwich, Harry Hine; Betula, Mr. Calhoun; Crosby, Harry German. The Smethport Committee is J. S. Walker H. H. Redfield, S. F. Redfield, J. L. Morrison, E. W. Workley, B. T. Garlick, Guy B. Mayo, J. Lee Eberly, Claude Shattuck, W. F. Specht, W. B. Hopper and R. Kessler Jr.

Everyone is asked to give to this cause until his heart says stop—it is the Heart of the World.

If everyone in the Smethport District should double his subscription of last year, we would have more than our apportionment of which 25% may be retained for use in the War Work done by the local chapter.

Every dollar paid into the fund last June netted with its accrude interest about $1.02 for War Work—for all costs of administration and other relief (such as that given to Halifax) are taken from that part of the membership dues which are turned over to the National Treasury.

The millions of last year have fough the good fight—they are gone, and this week it is for the American people to say whether this great work of mercy shall continue. We have our homes, our friends, our three meals a day. We may be inconvenienced now and then by some of the changes caused by war but we are independent and secure in our homes and lives. The money that we give this week may go to people who three years ago were just as prosperous and contented as we are but who now have nothing except what we give them. It may go to our boys who have gone out to fight our battles to bring them relief from suffering or to save them suffering and death.

If we knew that $10,000 would save the life of one boy that has gone out from this Red Cross District, how gladly would we give it and yet this same money given to the War Fund will undoubtedly save the lives of hundreds of boys just as worthy as ours.

In brief this is the work that the Red Cross is able to do because we give the money.

1. It stands beside our boys in training here or "over there".

2. It watches beside the pillows of battle-brokenmen and offers rest and sympathy to war-torn fighters on respite from the front.

3. It carries food and clothing to hungered mothers and little ones in ruined villages.

4. It helps rebuild the scattered pile of brick and stone they once called "Home,"

5. It brings back to the hopeless mothers arms her long lost child.

6. It helps care for the orphans of the men who died that civilization might live.

7. It helps care for the thousands that have fallen prey to dread tuberculosis.

8. It nobly represents in deeds of mercy, relief, and restoration, the more than twenty million members that have made the great work possible.

Can you make a better investment than this? Don't wait for a solicitor to find you. They are busy men and will appreciate it if you find them. Every subscriber will receive a pin representing a service flag with a Red Cross. Saturday afternoon and evening the camp Fire Girls will conduct a "Tag Day," using these pins as "tags" and receiving contributions in the business section. Plan to contribute to the girls who so willingly give their time to this cause.

LITTLE GIRL ATTACKED BY DOG.

Florence, little daughter of Mr, and Mrs. Ward Ramier of Rose Hill avenue was attacked by a dog belonging to a neighbor, Thursday last, and quite badly injured. The dog was a puppy and was used to children but it attacked little Forence without provocation, biting her lip, ear and arm quite severely. She received prompt medical attention and will probably entirely recover. The dog was killed.

Potted plants and cut flowers for Decoration Day at D. M. Brasteds' ad.

PROGRAM OF MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES.

In case of inclement weather the exercises will be held at the Court House and Monument.

PARADE.

The parade will form on West Main street in front of the court house at 1:30 p. m. and the route will be down Main to Mechanic street to Bank street to Nelson street to cemetery; returning to Nelson street to Main and disband in front of the court house.

EXERCISES AT CEMETERY.

Music ..... Band
Invocation ..... Rev W. E. VanDyke
Post Exercises .... Post 347, G. A. R.
Music ..... Male Chorus
Reading—Lincoln's Gettysburg Address ..... Guy B. Mayo
Music ..... Band
Oration ..... Rev. E. H. Edson
Music ..... Male Chorus
America ..... Band and Audience
Benediction ... Rev. Father Donohue
Strewing of Flowers.

OFFICERS.

President of the Day ... F. D. Gallup
Marshall ..... E. W. Jones
Orator ..... Rev. E. H. Edson

COMMITTEE.

Executive—C. C. Choate, Thos. H. Morrison, G. B. Mayo.
Music—Dr. H. L. McCoy.
Flowers—Daughters of the American Revolution, Travelers' Club.
Cemetery—Smethport, R. C. Sasse; Kasson, H. L. Burlingame; Colegrove, C. A. Anderson; Farmers Valley, Fred Brockham, Leon Curtis.
Conveyances—H. H. Redfield, J. Clayton Backus, R. E. Burdick.

SURVIVING MEMBERS.

Asa Champlin, H. L. Burlingame, E. R. Mayo, Geo. W. Irons, J. C. Cunningham, Emil Thamm, H. M. Choate, J. H. Sinll, Harley T. Sawyer, Geo W. King, A. W. Colegrove.

TRAVELERS ANNUAL MEETING.

At the annual meeting of the Travelers Club, Saturday, May 18th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Mrs. J. Scott Walker.
1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. E. A. Studholme,
2nd Vice-Pres, Mrs. R. Kessler Jr.,
Secretary, Mrs. R. E. Burdick,
Treasurer, Mrs. Charles McKean.

Executive Board.

Mrs. O. J. Hamlin, Mrs. H. H. Redfield, Mrs. Rose Herzog, Mrs. E. E. Heath.

Directors.

Mrs. John Forrest, Miss May Choate Mrs. H. J. Ellsworth, Mrs. Guy McCoy, Mrs. Emma McCandless.

The meeting Saturday, May 25, will be the last one of the year. It will be Guest Day and the topic "Under the Open Sky."

COURT HOUSE NOTES.

Marriage Licenses

May 15—Eugene Sabine of Buffalo N. Y., and Olive Sumners of Burt, N. Y.

May 16—Harry B. Stearns of Erie, Pa., and Nellie I. Lupole of Crosby, Pa.

Carl Albert Anderson of Kane, Pa. and Loretta Mary Harkins of Gilfoil, Pa.

May 18—Arthur G. Ness and Alice Brittain both of Smethport, Pa.

May 20—Meyer Meyers and Nellie Neal both of Betula, Pa.

James Joseph Shea of Sheffield, Pa. and Harriet Marie Fullerton of Bradford, Pa.

Deeds.

May 16—Mary B. Shoppard to Samuel H. Newman and wife, Bradford, $1000.

Kaziah Lewis to Ellery A. Eschenfelder and wife, Liberty, $650.

May 16—Nancy Elizabeth Smiley to Maxwell J. Moore, Bradford, $2500.

Ada M. Young, et al to E. D. Wainman, Eldred Twp. $3750.

J. M. Keeny and wife to Alton Robins, Port Allegany, $1000.

Genevieve H. Lee and husband to John R. Martin, Kane, $1.

William Kolbe and wife to Clarence Billyard, Eldred Twp., $100.

May 18—Margaret Cole to Solomon Orange, Bradford, $1.

H. R. Bray to B. Bray, Eldred Twp. $100.

Mathew N. Dennis and wife to John C. Looker, Otto, $8000.

John Lincoln and wife to J. B. Randall, Otto, $1.

May 20—D. M. Cotton and wife to O. F. Kunkel, Otto, $1.

George W. Dalton and wife to Margaret Howard, et al, Keating, $900.

Andrew Ness and wife to William G. Holder Smethport, $700.

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JUDGE BOUTON FOR THE SUPREME COURT.

Hon. Joseph W. Bouton of Smethport, president judge of the 48th judicial district, was formally endorsed as a candidate for the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Saturday afternoon when the members of the McKean County Bar Association met in the office of Brown Schoonmaker & Nash at Bradford. Twenty-seven of the thirty members of the association were present. E. L. Keenan of Smethport, was chosen chairman and Guy B. Mayo of Smthport, was elected secretary of the meeting.

A committee of seven members consisting of F. D. Gallup, J. E. Mullin, E. J. Jones, W. E. Burdick, C. W. Catlin, John P. Melvin and Francis M. Nash, was appointed to take such action as might be necessary in promoting the candidacy of Judge Bouton for the office. F. D. Gallup is chairman of this committee. W. E. Burdick, treasurer, and F. M. Nash, secretary.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, vacancies exist on the bench of the Supreme Court of this Commonwealth for which candidates are to be presented for nomination and elected, and

Whereas, Hon. Joseph W. Bouton, President Judge of the 48th Judicial District, comprising the County of McKean, and now in his second term, has fulfilled the duties of his office with distinguished ability and with the general approval of the members of the Commonwealth in which he has presided, and his superior qualifications for judical service have been well attested by the uniformity with which his decisions have been sustained by the Appellate courts, and his personal popularity is unbounded throughout the extent of that region of the Commonwealth in which he is best known and

Whereas, his merits as well as his availability for promotion have been heretofore on repeated occasions generously recognized by the favorable action of the bars in many of the other districts of the Commonwealth,

Be it therefore resolved, that we earnestly commen the nomination of Hon. Joseph W. Bouton to the office of Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, and cordially invite the cooperation in his behalf of the several bar associations and citizens of other districts of the Commonwealth.

Be it further resolved, that committee of seven members of this bar to-wit: F. D. Gallup, J. E. Mullin, E. J. Jones, Hon. W. E. Burdick, C. W. Catlin, John P. Melvin and Francis M. Nash be and they are hereby appointed and directed to take such action as in their discretion may be best calculated to promote and effect the nomination and election of the candidate whom we have named.

It is pointed out that there are two vacancies on the Supreme Court bench both of which occurred after the time prescribed for filing nomination papers. No names will appear on the primary ballot for this office, but all names will be placed on the November ballot and the two receiving the highest number of votes will be elected. In the mean time the Governor has power to appoint judges to fill the vacancies until the offices are filled by election. Regardless of who is appointed, Judge Bouton will be a candidate for the position in the fall elections.

The following members of the Bar Association were present at the meeting Saturday afternoon: E. L. Keenan, Sheridan Gorton, Claude Shattuck, F. D. Gallup of Smethport; W. P. Weston, J. E. Mullin, A. P. Huey, Robert Campbell, of Kane C. W. Catlin of Port Allegany; H. S. Rogers of Mt. Jewett; F. M. Nash, John P. Devlin, H. M. Wick, E. J. Jones, C. E. Judd, J. P. Melvin, J. P. Ryan, T. B. Wilson, C. W. Sharpe, M. L. Willis, R. B. Stone, John P. Melvin, W. E. Burdick, H. H. North, Misses O'Mara and Burke, of Bradford.

The Odd Fellows will have charge of hte Memorial Day services in Mt. Jewett. In the afternoon there will be a ball game and a dance in the evening. Proceeds to go to the Red Cross.

RUMMAGE SALE.

St. Christopher's Guild will hold a Rummage Sale at the Parish House on Friday, May 24, 1918. No sales before 10 a. m. adv20w2

TAXPAYERS.

Of Keating Township. Pay your 1918 Road Tax before June 1st and save 5%. H. J. Rice, collector. adv20w2*

POST OFFICE EMPLOYEES TO GET MORE PAY.

Without a protesting murmur the senate passed the amendment to the postoffice bill rasing salaries in the postoffice department. It was done so quickly that it was all over in a moment.

The salary increases have already been passed by the house, with one difference. The house proposed the increase as a permanent change while the senate made them for the next fiscal year, on the ground that when the year after that comes around, salaries may have to be made lower or higher, according to existing conditions.

Under the amendment, salaries of clerk in the first and second class postoffices and letter carriers in the city delivery, as well as railway postal clerks from grade one to 10 are increased $200 a year. The same raise is given to postal service employes whose compensation exceeds $1,500 annually.

Increases of 20 per cent. annually are given to employees receiving $800 and less; and 15 per cent. to those from $800 to $1500. Rural carriers with horse drawn vehicles are increased 20 per cent and also carriers on motor routes who drive 50 miles and more.

Fourth class postmasters would receive 100 per cent. of cancellations of the first $100 or less per quarter, instead of the present $50. If their compensation is not more than $50 for the quarter, they are to receive 20 per cent. increase of the regular salary. Senator Vardaman put in this last amendment to the main amendment which was submitted by Senator Bankhead as chairman of the postoffice committee.

A further provision of the amendment states that temporary or auxiliary clerks and letter carriers at first and second class offices shall receive 40 cents an hour.

REGISTRATION DAY JUNE 5th. 1918.

On the 5th day of June 1918, when all male persons in the second district of McKean County, who have become twenty-one years old since June 5th, 1917, will be registered. Dr. E. H. McCleery, Member of the Local Board for this District, will register all such men from Kane Borough, Wetmore Township and Hamilton Township, at the City Hall, in the Borough of Kane.

A. R. Anderson, member of the Local Board, will register such men from Mt. Jewett Borough, Hamlin Township, Lafayette Township, Sergeant Township and Lewis Run Borough at the Town Hall, Mt. Jewett.

E. W. Jones, member of the Local Board, and C. C. Choate, Chief Clerk, will register such men from Smethport, Port Allegany, Liberty Township, Norwich Township and Keating Township at the Sheriff's Office in the Court House, Smethport.

The hours of registration will be from 7 a. m. to 9. p. m. adv21w2

BURGA PIERCE INJURED.

Burga Pierce of East Smethport, who has been employed with the State Highway surveying crew on the survey between Smethport and Bradford, was the victim of a peculiar accident Thursday last that will incapitate him for several weeks. He was entering the automobile to return to his home at the close of the day's work, when the motion of the car threw him with considerable force against the top. He was carrying a plumb-bob in his vest pocket and this struck the top support with sufficient force to fracture one of Mr. Pierce's ribs in two places.

FRAUD SCHEME FAILED.

An attempt to work a fraud scheme which is being practiced extensively at training camps on an Oil City resident during the past week failed. On Saturday Mrs. Howard Paulson of Oil City received a telegram signed with her son's name, Howard Paulson, at Camp Greene, asking her to send $10 by telegraph. The money was sent, but in such a manner that it could not be obtained by any other person than her son. A letter was just received from her son. After expressing his thanks for the money the soldier said he was surprised to receive it, as he had not asked for it. This scheme has been frequently exposed by the secret service and in some cases the defrauders have been arrested. Persons sending telegrams for money, using the names of soldiers and then get and keep the money for themselves.

CHARTER No. 8701. Reserve District No. 3.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE GRANOR NATIONAL BANK OF McKEAN COUNTY, AT SMETHPORT, IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON MAY 10th, 1918.

	Resources.			
1	a Loans and Discounts (except those shown in b and c)		334,100.17	
	Total Loans		334,100.17	
	d Notes and bills rediscounted (other than bank acceptances sold see Item 35b) $10,000.00		10,000.00	344,100.17
2	Overdrafts secured, $; unsecured, $278.27			278.27
	a U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)		100,000.00	
	f U. S. Bonds and certificates of indebtedness owned and unpledged		10,000.00	
	g Premium on U. S. bonds			110,000.00
	Liberty Loan Bonds, 3½ per cent, and 4 per cent unpledged		5,000.00	
	b. Liberty Loan Bonds, 3½ per cent, and 4 per cent, pledged to secure U. S. deposits		2,000.00	
	c Payments actually made on Liberty 3½ per cent Bonds		1,660.00	9,160.00
	b Bonds other than U. S. bonds pledged to secure postal savings deposits		2,000.00	
	e Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks) owned unpledged		61,966.75	
	f. Collateral Trust and other notes of corporations issued for not less than ONE YEAR nor more than THREE YEAR'S time		21,688.88	
	Total bonds, securities, etc.			58,655.63
9	Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)			3,000.00
10	a Value of banking house		30,000.00	
	b Equity in banking house			30,000.00
11	Furniture and fixtures			7,200.00
13.	Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank			20,064.08
15.	Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks			47,801.08
16.	Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting banks (other than Item 17)			1,772.56
	Total of Items 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18		48,463.64	
19.	Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items			3.00
20.	Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer			5,000.00
	Total			655,881.20
	Liabilities.			
24.	Capital stock paid in			$100,000.00
25.	Surplus fund			30,000.00
26.	a. Undivided profits		14,216.26	
	b. Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid		7,060.00	7,156.38
30.	Circulating notes outstanding			100,000.00
34.	Individual deposits subject to check			128,148.50
35.	Certificates of deposits due in less than 30 Days (other than for money borrowed)			145,885.22
36.	Certified checks			200.00
37.	Cashiers checks outstanding			87.50
39.	Deposits requiring notice but less than 30 days			512.32
40.	Dividends unpaid			16.00
	Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve, Items 34, 35, 36, 37, 38 39, 40, and 41		274,849.59	
44.	Postal savings deposits			162.34
45.	Other time deposits			143,170.05
	Total of time deposits subject to Reserve, Items 42, 43, 44, and 45		143,782.12	
	b War savings deposit certificate and thrift stamp account		256.20	
	c other United States deposits, including deposits of U. S. disbursing officers			256.20
	Total			655,881.20
57.	a. Liabilities for rediscounts, including those with Federal Reserve Bank (see Item 10)			10,000.00
	Total contingent liabilities (57 a, b and c)			10,000.00

State of Pennsylvania, } ss:—
County of McKean.

I, E. E. Drake, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E. E. DRAKE, Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of May, 1918.

E. R. MAYO,
Notary Public.

(My commission expires Feby 6, 1919.)

CORRECT ATTEST:
T. P. HUNGIVILLE,
H. W. RUHN,
GUY R. MAYO.

THE SUN THAT NEVER SETS

Contributed by H. Davitt Welsh.

WHEAT WILL WIN THE WAR

Eat It, and You Help the Hun; Save it, and You Fight For Freedom.

THE WORLD FACES A CRISIS

America's Problem Is to Feed Her Allies—Her Own Food Supply Is Already Safe.

"Not less important than the military crisis in Europe is the food situation in the whole world and the entire food problem centers around the wheat supply. Wheat will win the war—or lose it," is a terse and pointed statement of Howard Heinz, U. S. Food Administrator for Pennsylvania.

It has now become a race among three factors, with the odds against our side. These three factors are the approach of the next harvest, the rapid diminution of wheat stocks among the allied nations and the conservation measures put into effect by the patriotic people of the United States in their efforts to piece out a narrow surplus for an anxious world.

Among these factors the next harvest creeps forward all too slowly; the supply in the bins of the Allies is sinking rapidly. If the situation were limited to these two—if it were a competition between them alone—the race would already be lost. It is only increased conservation in America that will keep starvation from being the victor.

The Allies must and will be fed.

America must and will save.

Our food supply already has been protected. There is no danger here. But the time has come to shovel the wheat by carloads and shiploads into the transportation channels that lead to Europe. America can live on the plentiful remainders, the cornmeal, potatoes, meat, all of which by grace of nature and careful conservation are abundant.

The Food Administrator for Pennsylvania has recently put forth some stirring calls for wheat saving. America as a whole must cut her wheat consumption in two, and more than in two. From 42,000,000 bushels a month she must cut consumption to 20,000,000 bushels. To accomplish this, each American must cut his individual consumption to six pounds per month. Out of the limited stocks in the country we must save stocks for seed, some 80,000,000 bushels, we must retain a safe carry-over, we must feed our own citizens; and the United States with Canada must send to the Allies 40,000,000 bushels of wheat a month.

The moral is plain. Large numbers of our people must eat no wheat whatever for three months or this great task we have undertaken is doomed to failure. Already the great hotels have taken the pledge, men and women of independent means have fallen into line.

Which would you prefer—to eat bread lavishly and live in a world tributary to Germany, or eat no wheat until the next harvest and be free?

POTATO FLOUR COMING INTO USE

Even Cake That "Melts in the Mouth" Can be Made by Using This Product.

To most people Potato Flour is a brand-new commodity, utterly unknown until the Wheat Substitute Ruling went into effect. Potato Flour has been known in Europe for years previous to the war; quantities were imported from Germany, and sold at a fancy price for various baking purposes.

One woman, near Philadelphia, established a reputation for cake baking by her use of potato flour. For a long time she had to get all of her supply from Boston, but finally she found it could be purchased in the leading retail stores in Philadelphia. She used potato flour in a sponge cake recipe and for eight years carried off every prize at the county fair. This sponge cake is of the most delicate texture, literally "melts in one's mouth." Any one can make this cake by using potato flour. This potato flour can now be purchased in most any grocery store and while it is not a cheap article, it is sufficiently inexpensive to be worth while for cake baking.

Some of our mothers tell how, during the Civil War, one of the weekly duties of some households was to prepare potatoes so that starch could be readily obtained. The potatoes were washed and when thinly sliced in a tub, covered with water and after some hours of soaking quantities of pure potato starch could be found at the bottom. However, because it is nearly pure starch, a little bit of potato flour goes a long ways. In cake and fancy pastry its use should be encouraged and increased by the careful housewife.

There are many substitutes for wheat flour, but no substitutes for peace.

INVEST IN HUMANITY

By JOHN OLIVER LA GORCE
Associate Editor, National Geographic Magazine.

"SUFFER Little Children to come unto me," declared the compassionate Christ.

But never since He dwelt in flesh upon the earth have there been so many "Little Children" in need of compassion as now.

There are the "Little Children" who have gone to France for you and me and for Christendom and by going have given their all. Can you do less? Shall you keep from your boy or your neighbor's boy that which is symbolic of the Compassionate One by neglecting the call of the Red Cross Mother?

Then there are the uncounted "Little Children" of our allies who have fallen wounded and ill in defense of their home fires. Who but the Red Cross Mother can know the suffering, the anguish, of the shell-torn, thirst-stricken soldier who lies upon the ghostly bed of No Man's Land? Will you deny him the life-giving cup?

Think also of the "Little Children" of devastated lands. Some are "Little Children" in size and tender years. Others, alas, are mature in stature and age, but none the less "Little Children" in their helplessness—their abject need. Can we in our plenty withhold from them the bare bread of existence? Can we still our inner voice with the thought that others will bear our burden, when in our heart we must know that there are no others?

The Red Cross helps no one who does not need help a hundred times more than we need the money. Therefore, let us give, give until we feel it, give until it pinches. Then and only then we shall know that we have indeed offered the "Little Children" of the war the tender compassion of a nation.

What the Italian Premier Thinks of the American Red Cross

When the Austrians last October routed the Italian Army by trickery and drove before them half a million refugees, the part which the American Red Cross played in this stupendous tragedy will go down in the history of Italy and the world as one of the most magnificent dashes of relief work that has ever come to light.

Listen to what the Italian Premier said of this work in his address at the opening of Parliament early last December:

"Our soul is stirred again with appreciation and with admiration for the magnificent dash with which the American Red Cross has brought us powerful aid in our recent misfortune. We attribute great value to the co-operation which will be given us against the common enemy by the prodigious activity and by the exuberant and consistent force which are peculiar to the American people."

And this, mind you, was only a little over a month after the American Red Cross made its triumphal entry into Italy!

LIKE MOTHER USED TO MAKE

Khaki Clad Boy With a Lump in Throat Welcomes Home Cooking.

Imagine your boy on a troop train bound for some United States seaport where a transport lies ready to take him and his regiment "over there." He never felt healthier in his life—in body. In mind? If he finds moments when his thoughts begin to race back toward you, wondering what you are doing, can you blame him if occasionally something lumps in his throat about as comfortable as a billiard ball?

And then the train grinds to a standstill. Some one yells, "Big eats; oh, boy!" as several Red Cross uniforms flash out in the crowd on the station platform. For here is a Red Cross emergency canteen. Here he can get coffee—good, hot coffee—sandwiches, candy, tobacco, fruit, postal cards and almost anything that he may have forgotten.

Does it help his spirits? Does it? Does it cheer him to get these snacks of good home tasting food served by women like those in his own family? Probably the most valuable part of the Red Cross canteen service work is the effect of the smile and cheer from the women who are in charge. Soldiers write frequently such messages as the following, indicating their appreciation of this branch of Red Cross work:

"The Red Cross of Chicago met us with coffee, sandwiches and post cards. I hope the Montana women are all doing the same. Chicago sure is a big city and plenty of pep. Join the Red Cross and help the boys who have volunteered their lives."

There are now more than 500 of these Red Cross canteens or refreshment units located at the important railroad centers in the United States. Every commander of a troop train has a list of these canteens, so that he can call upon the Red Cross for this service at these stations en route.

Women Give $36,000,000.

Thousands of patriotic women in all parts of the United States are freely giving their time to make surgical dressings, knit goods, hospital garments, comfort kits, socks and sweaters. The value of this labor given by American women is estimated at $36,000,000 a year.

The Red Cross in France motor truck transportation service with 230 motor trucks.

LODGE DIRECTORY.

F. & A. M.—McKean Lodge, No. 353, meets on the second Wednesday of each month, at 3:15 p. m. at Masonic hall Main street.

AL. J. HYATT, W. M.
W. F. SPECHT, Sec'y.

I. O. O. F.—Smethport Lodge, No. 389, meets Friday evenings, at 8:00 o'clock in I. O. O. F. hall. Will work initiatory degree first meeting of each month; 1st degree on second; 2nd degree on third, and 3rd degree on fourth meetings.

J. A. JOHNSON, N. G.
W. G. HOLDER, Secretary.

I. O. O. F.—Smethport Encampment, No. 273, meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month in I. O. O. F. hall. J. A. JOHNSON, C. P.
J. A. SWANSON, S.

IDEAL REBEKAH LODGE, No. 88, meets the 1st and 3rd Monday evenings of each month, at 8 o'clock, in the I. O. O. F. hall.

LIZZIE DIGEL, N. G.
RACHEL P. AMSTER, Sec'y.

P. H. C.—Smethport Branch, No. 25, meets on every Tuesday evening in I. O. O. F. hall.

KATE BENDER, Pres.
ANNA O. STARK, Sec'y.

P. of H.—Meets 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month at 3:00 p. m., in I. O. O. F. hall HENRY J. RICE M.
ANNA O. STARK, Sec'y.

PHOENIX CHAPTER, NO. 18, O. E. S.—Meets 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings in each month in I. O. O. F. hall.

MRS. GERTRUDE GARLICK, W. M.
W. B. HOPPER, W. P.
MISS RITA DENNING, Sec'y.

CHURCHES.

Methodist Episcopal Church—J. B. Fleming, pastor. Preaching 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school, 11:45 a. m.; Epworth League, 6:45 p. m. Evening service, 7:30, Mid-week prayer and praise service, Wednesday, 8 p. m.

Episcopal — Rev. W. E. VanDyke, rector. Services every Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Additional services at 8 a. m., except on first Sunday of each month. Sunday school at 12:00 m.

All Saints' Memorial Chapel—East Smethport, Rev. W. E. VanDyke, rector. Divine service and Sunday school every Sunday at 2:30 p. m.

Baptist Church of Smethport.—Rev. W. P. Wheeler, Pastor. Services: 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 11:45.

St. Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Church—P. J. Donahue, pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m.

Swedish Mission Church—Rev. G. Ohlblad, pastor. Services every other Sunday at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. On alternate Sundays meeting in the evening only. Sunday school every Sunday at 9:30 a. m. Prayer meeting Thursday night at 8 o'clock.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

STATE.
Governor—Martin G. Brumbaugh.
State Treasurer—Robert K. Young.
Auditor General—A. W. Powell.
Secy. Internal Affairs—Henry Houck.

DISTRICT and COUNTY.
President Judge—Joseph W. Bouton, Smethport.
Member of Congress—Charles H. Rowland, Philipsburg.
State Senator—Frank E. Baldwin, Austin, Pa.
Members of Assembly—John A. Fitzgibbon, Bradford, Pa.; Frank P. Isherwood, Bradford, Pa.
State Highway Supt.—C. L. Lorah.

COUNTY.
Sheriff—E. W. Jones, Smethport.
Deputy Sheriffs—C. C. Choate, Smethport; J. H. Howe, Bradford.
Prothonotary—B. F. Starsky, Smethport.
Clerk of Courts—Frank R. Foster, Smethport.
County Treasurer — Frank Potter, Kane.
Recorder of Deeds—H. M. Choate.
Commissioners—A. M. Marsh, Bradford; O. S. Gahagan, Mt. Jewett; T. E. Flaherty, Bradford.
Commissioners' Clerk—A. R. Anderson, Clermont.
Register of Wills and Clerk of Orphans' Court—John B. Eastman, Smethport.
Coroner—E. R. Sherman, Bradford.
Jury Commissioners—Wm. H. Morrison, Smethport; W. G. Holder, Smethport.
Jury Commissioners' Clerk — H. D. Otto, Smethport, R. F. D.
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County School Superintendent—C. W. Lillibridge, Smethport.
Asst. County School Superintendent—B. S. Taylor, Bradford.
District Attorney—Thos. B. Wilson, Bradford.
Mercantile Appraiser—F. E. Goodman, Mt. Jewett.
Sealer of Weights and Measures—R. F. Verdon, Smethport.
County Solicitor—C. W. Shattuck, Smethport.
County Detective—Joseph F. Robinson, Bradford.
County Viewers—Harvey G. Barkhouse, Kane; C. M. Colegrove, Smethport; Dennie Davis, Kane; Griffin Hatfield, Bradford; Edward Martin, Marvindale; Thos. H. Morrison, Smethport; F. M. Webster, Bradford; F. M. Wright, Eldred.
Farm Bureau Supt.—P. S. Crossman.
Supt. County Home—C. O. Tayler.
Probation Officers—Grace E. Cole, J. A. Lindsey.

Borough.
Burgess—Warley Gifford.
Council—C. M. Colegrove, pres.; F. M. Biever, secy.; Claude Hackett, B. T. Garlick, W. B. Hopper, J. A. Lindholm, W. H. Hungerford, J. S. Hull.
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Board of Health—Dr. John Clark, sec'y.
Constable—C. B. Dickinson.
Collector—R. C. Gleason.
Assessor—Wade Burdick.
Auditors—Fred Masser, E. W. Strong, F. H. Biever.
Judge of Election—Frank Cummings.
Inspectors of Election—George Barbour, Herman Tull.
Borough Solicitor—H. L. Keenan.

302 PENNSYLVANIA BOYS AT STATE COLLEGE FARM TRAINING CAMP

Beginning on April 30th, the one thousand acre farm, with farm buildings and equipment, at State College, Pennsylvania, was opened as a farm training camp for Pennsylvania boys who will help to make good the agricultural labor shortage. Three hundred and two boys from various sections of the State entered the training camp on that day for a two weeks' course of instruction in the everyday useful work incidental to farming. This training class is shown in the above photograph, with Dr. Edwin Erle Sparks, President of the College, in the background. The boys are in uniform, through the courtesy of the Adjutant General of the State, who has placed 5000 khaki suits at the disposal of the farm camps.

After being instructed in such useful operations as harnessing and driving teams to different farm machines, hay-making, stable work, dairy work, planting, plowing, etc., the boys will be placed on farms through the Pennsylvania Committee of Public Safety, which organized the training class.

A second and larger class, also recruited from several sections of the State, will follow this class at State College, and judging from the number of applicants for training, it may be necessary to conduct a third class. Applications should be made to L. H. Dennis, 7th floor, Finance Building, Philadelphia.

The services of these boys are available through the County Managers for Farm Labor, and farmers desiring young men are requested to communicate at once with their County Farm Labor Manager, or with the nearest office of the Committee of Public Safety.

Franklin Said:

"'Tis a Wise Man who plans for Winter blows while he enjoys Summer breezes."

SHREWD Men look ahead. They use our Bank Acount plan for accumulating for the future. A cordial invitation is extended to you to come in and open an account at this Bank. The services and facilities afforded you make this invitation worthy of your very careful consideration.

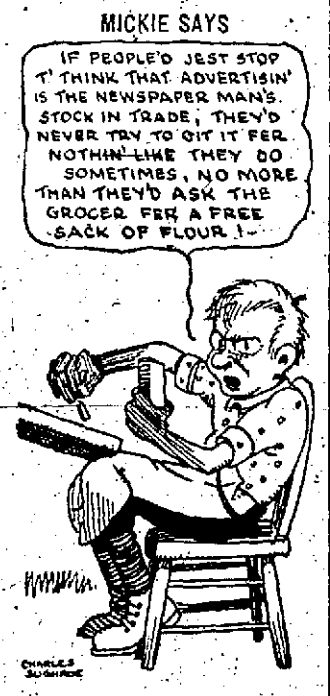
THE GRANGE NATIONAL BANK,

Smethport, Pa.

The McKean County Miner

Smethport, Pa., Thursday, May 23.

MICKIE SAYS


IF PEOPLE'D JEST STOP T' THINK THAT ADVERTISIN' IS THE NEWSPAPER MAN'S STOCK IN TRADE, THEY'D NEVER TRY TO GIT IT FER NOTHIN' LIKE THEY DO SOMETIMES, NO MORE THAN THEY'D ASK THE GROCER FER A FREE SACK OF FLOUR!
CHARLES SUGHROE

—The Hamlin Bank & Trust Co. has a new ad to-day.

—The Fry Company advertises white wash skirts and silk petticoats to-day.

—G. O. Matson of Bradford advertises the Republic Trucks each week, and is ready to fill orders for any size truck on short notice.

—The Adapto Tractor, which is advertised extensively by Holmes & Gilfillan, is making new friends every day among the farmers.

—Judge Bouton's request that the bars of McKean county refuse to sell booze in bottles will be a dire blow to the thirsty ones of this county who have been advocating a macadam road to Kane.—Warren Mirror.

—Mrs. John Bloomster and son, Daniel, attended confirmation service at Mt. Jewett Sunday.

—"Outwitting the Hun," by Lieut. Pat. O'Brien, a new war serial, will be published in the MINER starting, probably, June 13.

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Morgan of Keating township May 16, a boy, weight ten and a half pounds. Jim says: "If we're going to lick the Kaiser we must raise more soldiers."

—Thursday afternoon the Potter county Bar Association endorsed Judge J. W. Bouton of McKean county for Judge of the Supreme court at the next election.—Coudersport Enterprise.

—Sugar dealers all over the county are notified that the Miner has blank sugar certificates on sale. According to the recent ruling any person purchasing more than five pounds of sugar for preserving purposes must fill out one of these certificates.

—The following Eldred young men have been called in the current draft: Wm. Joseph Hennigan, Thomas C. Cooney, Howard V. App, Lee B. Hyatt, Treevor O. Llewellyn, Joseph B. Sullivan, Lloyd Charles O'Dell. The last named draftee formerly conducted the Sunshine grocery in Smethport.

—George Taylor, aged 84, of Bell's Run, died very suddenly one day last week, and set tongues a-wagging so that Coroner Heffner of Bradford held an investigation. Competent medical authority testified that heart disease was the cause of the old man's death and another sensation was quelled.

—Claude Benson and other residents on East Second street have been having a good deal of trouble caused by children starting fires. Mr. Benson spoke to the parents about the matter but they seemed to regard it lightly and finally he had a warrant sworn out for the arrest of the youngster and when the parents saw that he meant business they began to realize the seriousness of the matter and promised to look after the children and see that the ogense was not repeated. Starting fires at this time of the year is a very dangerous thing and children should be so taught.—Coudersport Enterprise.

—At Argument court last week the commission appointed to make an investigation into the mental condition of Stanley Clyde Engle, who is held for the killing of a young man at Hazelhurst last winter, made its report and recommended that the prisoner remain in the custody of the sheriff of McKean county, which probably means that the young man will have to stand trial.

FLOYD STEPHENS BURIED.

The remains of the late Floyd Stephens, aged 24 years, who died at Camp Lewis, Oregon, mention of which was made in the MINER last week, arrived in Bradford on the 9 o'clock B. R. & P. train Wednesday night after being *eight* days on the way. The body was accompanied by a comrade First Class Private Ben C. Sexton of Wyoming, who is a member of the third officers training school at Camp Lewis. Mr. Sexton stated that a railroad wreck which occurred in the middle west caused a delay of three days and prevented the body arriving in Bradford last Sunday as arranged. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Stephens, who went to meet the body of their son on the way missed their connections but arrived in Bradford Wednesday night. The body was removed to Koch's undertaking chapel, where funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. A firing squad fired a salute over the grave and Spanish war veterans served as pall bearers. Burial took place in Oak Hill cemetery, Rev. E. W. Collings, pastor of the Asbury M. E. church officiated. Besides his parents, deceased is survived by an aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Freeman of Smethport.

FOR SALE

Will buy and sell all kinds of second-hand furniture, stoves, rugs, carpets, etc. Meyer Zafron, 609 E. Main street. Phone No. 26 M. adv16tf

GOOD WAGES

While learning a trade, you need not work for a small weekly salary with little chance for advancement. You can learn a trade with a good future. Our employees are given every chance to advance. Their wages are increased according to ability.

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Elmira has a population of about 53,000. It has excellent schools and college, eight theatres, fine parks, large stores, public city market, and living conditions reasonable.

We pay time and half for all over eight hours; either night or day work for men, day work for women. No labor trouble, never had any. Good opportunities for man and wife.

We are going to hire 1,500 more people. Do not wait. Write or call today. State age and experience, if any; also wages expected. WE ARE ON GOVERNMENT WORK. This is your chance to "do your bit".

THE WILLYS-MORROW COMPANY,
Employment Bureau,
Elmira, New York.
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The success of electric [illegible] and varnish oven work has led to considerable investigation along the line of what might be termed low temperature heating; that is, heating with temperatures up to 600 degrees Fahrenheit. The results of these investigations have brought out numerous other applications, among which are electric core baking ovens, electric bread baking ovens, ovens for making cereals, drying woolen articles and equipment for sherardizing.

A Good Wife.

Once upon a time there was a farmer whose wife daily pumped the household supply of water up to a tank on the roof, says The Little Journal. After 20 years he installed an electric motor to do this for her. Careful calculation brought out the fact that the wife had been working that pump handle 8,650 hours at a value of half a cent per hour. She had saved him $18.75 in 20 years. What was it the preacher said about her worth being above rubies?

Birds' Nest Soup.

The birds' nests from which the far-famed Chinese soup is made are built by a species of swallow that abounds on the coasts of Java, Ceylon and Borneo, and consists of a gelatinous substance obtained from marine plants. The nests are boiled either in chicken broth or in milk of almonds, and the result very much resembles vermicelli soup, except that it is far more costly.

Ball vs. Roller Bearings.

Ball bearings are a German invention, and it is only a few years ago that they made their appearance on the market. Roller bearings, both cylindrical and conical, are an American invention. The advantages claimed for the rollers over the balls are that they can sustain both the radial and the axial strain and they are more easily replaced when they become worn.

Responsibility on Heredity.

The oldest nations invariably have the most philosophers and learned seers. This has been thought to be due, observes a writer, to their greater accumulation of knowledge, but this new theory places the responsibility in large part upon heredity—the fact that men of civilized nation give their sons the mental equipment of civilization.

Written in Fifteenth Century.

Written in the fifteenth century, a manuscript containing letters and minor works of St. Cyprian, bishop of Carthage, father of the Latin church, who suffered martyrdom in 258, was one of the most interesting objects when the dispersal of the libraries of Charles J. Groves of Boston, Mass., and others was begun.

When a Woman May Lie.

A Kansas City court has ruled that "a woman may lie to her husband when the provocation is great enough." From our meager experience, notes the Pennsylvania Grit, it appears as if the dear ones are provoked virtually all the time. And, mercy, how angry they do become when the subject of ages is broached.

The Old Octagon Coin.

The most valuable coin authorized in the United States is the double Eagle, worth $20, of course. But there was formerly struck in California what was called an "octagon" because of its shape, and it passed for $50. It was current elsewhere, but never legal tender.

An Indian Dawn.

I awoke—and beyond the great trees I saw the dawn come up like thunder, as it does on Mandaley. Exactly like thunder it came up, rolling, rising, crashing clouds of copper and dull gold, reddening, breaking, mounting, out-topping one another.—Atlantic.

Well Posted.

They were discussing literature and the conversation turned to English authors. "Have you read Carlyle?" inquired the literary connoisseur. "No," answered the literary parvenu, "but I've visited his Indian school."

Late Food Discoveries.

Lichens have been proposed as the latest addition to staple articles of diet. One scientist has suggested Iceland moss as suitable for making flour for bread and reindeer moss as good fodder for animals.

Dangerous Symptom.

"I hear that Bilkum is going to run for congress." "Really? I'm not surprised. When he was a boy they say his parents were awfully worried about him."—Life.

Uncle Pennywise Says:

There wuz a time when a feller could be great for eight hours a day and then miebbe relax a little. But now you got to keep your pose all the time.

Determining Character.

We prepare ourselves for sudden deeds by the reiterated choice of good or evil which gradually determines character.—George Eliot.

Reciprocity Is Fair.

There must be reciprocity or there can be no union.

NOTICE IN DIVORCE.

Carl Johan Lundgren
vs.
Bergetta F. Lundgren.

No. 11, December Term, 1917.

McKEAN COUNTY, ss: The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said County, Greeting.

Whereas Carl Johan Lundgren did on the 30th day of October, 1917, prefer his petition to the said Judges of the Court of Common Pleas therein set forth that he might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you Bergetta F. Lundgren.

We therefore command you, the said Bergetta F. Lundgren, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the County of McKean on the First Monday of June next, and show cause, if any you have why the said Carl Johan Lundgren your husband, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony agreeably to the acts of assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy.

E. W. JONES, Sheriff.

H. S. Rogers, Lib. Atty.
Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa.
May 9, 1918. adv4t

NOTICE IN DIVORCE.

Ralph Ferdnand Seybert
vs.
Anna Margurette Seybert.

No. 50 December Term, 1917.

McKEAN COUNTY, ss: The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said County, Greeting.

Whereas Ralph Ferdnand Seybert did on the 30th day of October, 1917, prefer his petition to the said Judges of the Court of Common Pleas therein set forth that he might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you Anna Margurette Seybert.

We therefore command you the said Anna Margurette Seybert that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the County of McKean on the First Monday of June next and show cause, if any you have why the said Ralph Ferdnand Seybert your husband, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony agreeably to the act of assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy.

E. W. JONES, Sheriff.

R. J. Campbell, Lib. Atty.
Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa.
May 9, 1918. adv4t

Sheriff's Sale

BY VIRTUE of a writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas and to me directed, I will expose at public sale at the Court House in the Borough of Smethport, McKean County, Pa., on

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 1918,
at one o'clock p. m.

All the defendant's interest being one half of the following described piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in the Township of Ceres, county of McKean and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:—

Beginning at a post in the middle of the public road leading from Ceres Village to Shinglehouse, standing south 82¼ degrees East eight rods and twenty eight links from a point in the middle of the aforesaid road in a line between lands deeded by Nathan Palmer and wife to Coon and lands late of Polly Messenger (deceased); thence North 6 degrees east ten rods and thirty two links to a post corner; thence North 84 ¼ degrees west, three rods and nineteen links to a post corner; thence North to the line of the lot known as the Grist Mill lot; thence by line of said lot South 83 ½ degrees East to the corner of a lot deeded by Harry Smith and wife to Polly Messenger; thence south by west line of said lot two and five tenths rods to a post in the North bank of the Mill race; thence down the bank of said race by its several courses and distances to the middle of said road; thence nearly west by the center of said road to the place of beginning. Containing about one half acre of land be the same more or less. Improved and having thereon one two story building, not finished.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of E. L. Nicholson at the suit of F. H. Raymond use Home Gas Co.

E. W. JONES, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa.
May 16, 1918. adv. 3t.

NOTICE

The following accounts of executors, administrators and guardians having been settled in the office of the Register of Wills, the same will be presented for confirmation at the Orphans' Court to be held at Smethport in and for the County of McKean, in the State of Pennsylvania, on the first Monday of June, A. D. 1918.

First and Final Account of John Robins, Executor of the last Will and Testament of Fannie J. Morse, deceased.

First and Final Distribution Account of H. B. Scott, Administrator of the Estate of Mary A. Scott, deceased.

First and Final Account of Mattie B. Pair, Administratrix of the Estate of Rozell D. Pair, deceased.

First, Final and Distribution Account of Manfred L. Bartlett and Lawrence Herzog, Executors of the last Will and Testament of Addie Downes, deceased.

First and Final Account of F. M. Nash, Administrator of the Estate of Belle Moore, deceased.

First and Final Account of Edward W. Archer, Executor of the last Will and Testament of William J. Archer, deceased.

First and Final Account of John Hopkins, Executor of the last Will and Testament of Patrick Hopkins, deceased.

First and Final Account of Clifford A. Watson, Administrator of the Estate of Mary A. Watson, deceased.

First and Final Account of W. E. Burdick, Administrator C. T. A. of the last Will and Testament of Emelio Felo, deceased.

First, Final and Partial Distribution Account of H. E. Allen, T. O. Glenn and C. W. Moore, Executors of the last Will and Testament of Amos F. Moore, deceased.

First and Final Account of W. W. Bell, Guardian of Foster M. Cooper, minor child of E. W. Cooper, deceased.

First and Final Account of Warren Trust Company, Trustee of the Estate of T. T. Keelor, deceased.

First and Final Account of Geo. A. Colegrove and M. L. Willis, Executors of the last Will and Testament of Jane M. Colegrove, deceased.

First, Final and Distribution Account of M. Elizabeth McQuilken, Administratrix of the Estate of Mary J. McQuilken, deceased.

First, Final and Distribution Account of Louise O'Brien, Administratrix of the Estate of Mary Newell, deceased.

First, Final and Distribution Account of George C. Crow and Otto E. Crow, Executors of the last Will and Testament of G. N. Crow, deceased.

First and Final Account of O. J. Moore and Eva Campbell, Executors of the last Will and Testament of Fred R. Campbell, deceased.

First and Final Account of Mary Peterson, Administratrix of the Estate of Maude Kline Peterson, deceased.

First and Final Account of Viola Shuman, Executrix of the last Will and Testament of H. S. Cotton, deceased.

Second and Final Account of Sheridan Gorton, Administrator of the Estate of M. C. Bain, deceased.

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First and Final Account of John F. Z. T. Davis, deceased.

JOHN B. EASTMAN,
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The candidacy of Judge Joseph W. Bouton for the Supreme Court bench has struck a popular chord all over the state. During the numerous years that Judge Bouton has served on the McKean county bench he has established a reputation as an eminent jurist that has become state wide. It may be a little early in the campaign to prophesy his success, but the MINER is of the opinion that he is going to win.

The person who gives to the Red Cross can be certain that his money will be well spent under the efficient administration of Henry P. Davidson. There will not be any scandals throwing their stench over the country, and every dollar will be wisely used and promptly accounted for. The Red Cross is not in the business of covering up its expenditures. Its books are open to the scrutiny of every man who is curious to know what is being done, and the organization is not buying political favors with money subscribed for war purposes by the overburdened people of the United States.

Will the government of this country wait until Germany's agents have blown up the capitol building at Washington before they adopt drastic methods in dealing with the spy evil? There are mighty few spies in Germany, because they shoot them over there whether they wear trousers or petticoats. There is the blood of more than a hundred victims of the Aetna plant explosion near Pittsburgh last Sunday crying for vengence, as a recent example of Germany's underground warfare in this country. No mercy should be shown these miscreants that strike in the dark, but their kind are being rounded up by thousands in this country and fed on the fat of the land in so-called "prisons."

While the columns of the MINER are open for the good of the public they are most certainly closed to people who wish us to fight their personal battles. Within the past few weeks the MINER has received two or three articles for publication that were so plainly written for the gratification of personal spite that they found quick repose in the waste basket. It keeps a newspaper man pretty fairly busy fighting for what he believes is the general good of the public, and he cannot take on any private battles for other people—even his own private grievences must remain unprinted. In these stirring days, however, there is a great call for fighting blood, so if you get peeved at someone take a crack at the kaiser—the W. S. S. committee has provided numerous stations where you can always get a crack at that fellow, and it only costs you a quarter.

As his first measure of administrative reform under the Overman act, which he signed Monday, President Wilson issued an executive order divorcing aircraft production and operation from the jurisdiction of the army signal corps and of Major-General George O. Squier, the chief signal officer. General Squier as head of the signal corps, was officially responsible for the breakdown of the program to place thousands of American-built air planes on the battle front this spring. Coincident with the action of the president, Secretary of War Baker detached from aviation duty Colonels S. D. Waldron, Robert L. Montgomery and Edward A. Deeds, the three officers who have shared with General Squier the severest criticism for the airplane fiasco. Mr. Baker directed that the three officers "report to the attorney-general for such co-operation and assistance as they can render in the aviation investigation with which the department of justice has been charged."

Major Raoul Lufbery, the acknowledged premier aviator of the American corps, fell to his death as a result of a duel with a German aerial adversary, at the Toul front, on Sunday. The brave Yankee flyer's record as an air fighter is eighteen enemy machines—the largest number credited to any American aviator. The manner of his death is given in the dispatches published today and witnesses to the fearlessness and intrepidity of the American "ace." He fought and died like a hero and we would add to the roses and lilies that were placed upon his body by his French, British and American comrades, our tribute of remembrance. Major Raoul Lufbery earned his right to be counted among the heroes of mankind who have been likened to the highlands and peaks of the world.

State Senator William C. Sproul of Chester, was Tuesday nominated for Governor on the Republicam ticket in the state-wide primary election. His nearest opponent was J. Denny O'Neil of Pittsburgh, State Highway Commissioner. Returns indicate that Sproul will have a large pluralty over O'Neil. Both the candidates made pre-election pledges to support the national prohibition amendment and woman suffrage. Senator Sproul has been a leader in the State Senate for twenty years. Eugene C. Bonniwell, Judge of the Municipal Court of Philadelphia, running on "Wet" platform, defeated Joseph F. Guffey of Pittsburgh for the Democratic nomination for Governor. Guffey was pledged to prohibition.

Food Administrator Todd has served notice on the Globe grocery store, Warren, that they will be restricted from selling sugar for the next 30 days because they placed a sign in their window stating that they would sell it at 8½ cents per pound which was a half cent lower than the price fixed by the food administrator. Rules were recently sent out by Hoover that no grocery shall sell sugar lower than the food administrator places the price.

At this writing it looks very probable that Evan J. Jones of Bradford is the Republican nominee of this district for Member of Congress. Mr. Swoope of Clearfield county seems to have developed unexpected strength as a candidate, but yesterday morning Mr. Jones' nomination seemed certain. McKean county deserved the honor of having the candidate this year and in the person of Mr. Jones has a man that should receive every Republican vote in the district next November.

The Republican voters very properly placed in nomination Chas W. Catlin of Port Allegany and J. A. Fitzgibbon of Bradford as candidates for Member of Assembly. This is an exceptionally strong team and should have little trouble in gaining a glorious victory at election. Smethport borough gave these candidates a flattering vote—Mr. Catlin receiving 80 votes and Mr. Fitzgibbon 66.

The vote at Tuesday's primaries was light all around the county, due to a great extent no doubt to the many hundred voters who are now serving in the wartime services of the U. S. Only 700 votes were cast in Bradford city, where local interests was directed to the gubernatorial face by the fact that Robert P. Habgood of that city was a candidate. Mr. Habgood carried the city by about 100 votes over O'Neil, although in the county O'Neil leads by a small plurality. Complete returns from the county may bring Senator Sproul's vote near the top. In Smethport Senator Sproul was the favorite gubernatorial candidate receiving 39 votes, while Mr. O'Neal received 26 and Mr. Habgood 22 Evan J. Jones received 51 votes for Member of Congress and John Richelson received 25. Messrs. Catlin and Fitzgibbon were the overwhelming choices for Members of Assembly.

Quite a fight was developed in the primaries between Edward E. Biedleman and John R. K. Scott, candidates for the Republican nomination for Lieutenant Governor. At this time, however it looks as though Mr. Biedleman had been chosen by a comfortable margin.

M. G. Beatty, commissioner of Crawford county, has issued a statement declaring that the proposition to build a joint county workhouse will be taken up again at once. Mr. Beatty states that the meeting will be held soon and that this meeting will probably be held at Corry. Recently the Erie county grand jury recommended that Erie county go ahead with the plan itself if the other counties did not take further interest in the matter. In reply to this action it has now been stated that the representatives of the nine counties will convene in Warren within a few days to advance plans for the project.

A rule made by the Federal Trade Commission ought to have a wholesome effect on retail business generally. It is by way of an amendment to a supreme court decision, that manufacturers and wholesalers can not fix the prices at which their goods shall be retailed. This principle is recognized as sound; because without it the retailer might be deprived of all power to make prices on what he sells, and commodities would develope into monopolies controlled chiefly by the manufacturers. But the trade commission holds that there must be limits even to a retailer's control of his own prices. He is therefore forbidden to sell standard goods at less than cost, because such a practice means unfair competition with other retailers.

New York court has decided that William K. Vanderbilt is the sole owner of the bed of the river in that state. The bed of the ocean, we believe, is claimed by William Hohenzollern. And he'll need it if his beet comes over.

COURT HOUSE NOTES.

(Continued from page One.)

Satisfaction of Mortgage.

May 16—Ellen Fitzgibbon to George Pitchford and wife, Bradford, $600

Lillian Brown, Admr. of to Edward W. Carr, Bradford, $1600.

B. F. McBride to F. M. Nash et al Bradford Twp, $7500.

Henry Hamlin to J. C. Looker, Otto, $8000.

Same to Same, Foster, $3804.35.

Same to Same, Otto $3150.

Wm. Chambers, Exr. of to J. C. Looker, Otto, $2500.

Same to Same, Otto, $2000.

Benjamin Sawyer to W. E. Doyle et al, Liberty, $400.

May 17—State Capital Saving and Loan Association to Genevieve H. Lee and husband, Kane, $900.

May 18—Julia A. Cummings to William H. McKay, Bradford, $2200.

Commercial National Bank to J. B. Randall, Otto, $1500.

May 20—Harriet E. Strong to J. M. Keeny and wife Port Allegany $650. $650.

Assignment of Mortgage.

May 20—C. C. Melvin 2nd., Trustee to George T. Keith et al Trustees, Bradford, $500.

Fred R. Campbell to Cora G. Keyes, Bradford, $500.

What's in a Name?

His grandfather is in the employ of Uncle Sam, engaged in passing back and forth mail for dependent humanity. His father, Mr. D——, also earns his bread in the same useful work in the Indianapolis post office. Since these men of two generations are connected with the mail service, they doubtless expect little Dick to follow in their steps. Friends of the family are sure that this is the intention of the parents, the child's name being the proof. The mother liked Richard, and the father liked Franklin, so the child became Richard Franklin D——, or for short, R. F. D.

Boiling Canned Vegetable.

The intermittent method of sterilization calls for boiling vegetables in the water bath after they have been placed in the jars an hour each day for three days. This allows alternate periods of rest, in which the dormant resistance spores may lay off their heavy protective wall and begin active growths. In the growing state the bacteria are easily destroyed by the next period of boiling. For quart and two-quart jars a daily boiling of one and a half to two hours is recommended.

Just to Work.

Everything that happens to us leaves some trace behind, writes a philosopher. Everything contributes imperceptibly to make us what we are. Yet it is often dangerous to take a strict account of it. For either we grow proud and negligent, or downcast and dispirited; and both are equally injurious in their consequences. The surest plans is just to do the nearest task that lies before us.

Don't Look for Perfection.

We must not look for absolute perfection in this old vale of tears, and probably all that it is reasonable to expect of an honest man is that you can trust him to tell the truth except in letters of recommendation.—Ohio State Journal.

Temptation.

"Dar's a great temptation," said Uncle Eben, "to thiffk you's economisin' when you decides to go wifout sumpin' you didn't keer nuffn' 'bout in de fust place."

Woman Makes the Home.

A man may build a palace, but he can never make it a home. The spirituality and love of a woman alone can accomplish this.—Exchange.

Make Good Jelly.

Many of the wild fruits, such as the highbush cranberry, pincherry, and choke cherry, make good jelly.

What They Find.

Those who go hunting for trouble are always finding fault.

Where Victory Comes From.

Men fight, but Providence gives the victory.

Swells and Shrinks.

He that swells in prosperity will be sure to shrink in adversity.

The Artist.

He who is firm in will molds the orld to himself.—Goethe.

ROOSTERS NOW TABOO.

The following information should be heeded to help the McKean County egg supply.

The male bird should be eliminated from the flock as soon as the breeding season is over. He is of no use to the laying hens; in fact, he is a detriment. The opinion of some people that males are necessary in order to obtain large egg yields is false, as many experiments have shown.

There are three ways of ridding the laying flock of the rooster. He may be killed, penned up or sold. Of these three, killing is to be prefered. No breeder can afford to keep his rooster for the second year, unless he has spent considerable time and capital in improving the strain. Only the rare individual should even then be retained. All experiments to date point to the fact that yearling hens and cockrels give the strongest offspring. Not only is their off-spring of superior strength, but the fertility of their eggs run considerably higher. These are reasons also for killing the males at the end of the breeding season.

Infertile eggs will be produced if the bird be penned up. However, the cost of feeding the male bird for eight or nine months until he may be used in the breeding pen again, is no small item. During this time, the feed also will cost between $2.00 and $2.50 per bird, from which there is no return. Here is a splendid opportunity to stop one of the leaks in the poultry business.

Provided the male bird is sold, infertile eggs will be produced by the seller. On the other hand if the birds for breders, then he may pay the cost of feed for eight or nine months. He, no doubt allow the males to run with the flock and produce fertile eggs.

It would appear then, from the economic point of view, it is far better to get rid of the rooster at once, rather than to pay his board bill for eight or nine months. It is also wise from the poultryman's point of view, to insure himself from rotten eggs by producing infertile eggs.

Now is the time to get rid of the rooster. If one has escaped the axe so far, see that he is killed by tomorrow. One more female may be kept in place of each male, and a return can be realised from her while in the case of the male, only a loss can result.

Now is the time to stop the loss which results from rotten eggs during the hot summer months, this loss being caused directly by he rooster. Eliminate the rooster from the laying flock, and do it now! Don't put off today what should have been done yesterday.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Mrs. Celia Barron is now employed at the Kandy Kitchen.

—W. G. Holder has purchased the Reilly property on Franklin street and is moving into same.

—Mr. and Mrs. U. D. Fischer have moved into the Mrs. Maria Carter house on East Main street.

—Bernard Garlick Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Garlick, is confined to his home on East Main street by illness.

—Mrs. T. F. Hungiville entertained the Five Hundred club at a one o'clock luncheon, Monday afternoon at her home on Franklin street.

—Elward E. Currier and mother have moved into their new home on West Main street which they recently purchased from Mrs. U. D. Fischer.

—The first days' campaign to raise Smethport's quota of $10,000 for the Red Cross War Fund resulted in the raising of one-third of that amount.

—Mrs. Celia Barron and son, Ned, have moved from the Reilly house on Franklin street into the Eaton house on the corner of Mechanic and Water streets.

—Miss Audine Gallup who has been confined to her room at the McGowan home on East Main street for the past week, suffering with tonsilitis is much better at this time.

—St. Christopher's Guild of St. Luke's Church, will hold a supper at the Parish House this evening for the members and invited gentlemen, in honor of Rev. W. E. VanDyke who expects to leave soon for France.

—Automobilists report a cloudburst in the vicinity of Limestone and Carrollton Sunday afternoon. In a comparatively few minutes the roads were almost impassable and it is said there were at least six autos in the ditch in that section within one mile. This place failed to get a drop of rain at that time.

The musical recital given by Mrs. Sidney A. Burdick and her pupils at the Parish House last Saturday evening was greatly enjoyed by all present and a decided success. Fifty dollars was raised by Mrs. Burdick on this occasion and given to the Red Cross.

—Not much base ball being played in the small towns this season. About all the young fellows who have not gone to the colors are getting ready to answer the call, while those under the military age are busy taking grown men's places at needful occupations.

—M. S. Geary's Advertising agency is always at the service of buyer and seller in the line of real estate, live stock, etc. Read his advertisement. If you have a piece of property you wish to sell better list with him today. If you wish to purchase property he has some very desirable propositions listed.

—S. R. Lindsley was taken to the Kane Summit hospital Tuesday in a serious condition. He was accompanied by Samuel Green. The many friends of Mr. Lindsley in this place sincerely hope that the treatment at this hospital will prove most beneficial.

—C. F. Pappas, who conducts the Main street Kandy Kitchen, very generously contributed all of Tuesdays proceeds of his establishment to the Red Cross, which amounted to $70.11. Several young ladies loaned their assisance for the day and evening thus helping Mr. Pappas to accomplish this most generous gift which is highly appreciated by the Smethport Red Cross.

—A meeting of the auxiliary committee for McKean county of the Council of National Defense, medical section, was held Thursday at Kane. Dr. James Johnson, of Bradford, Dr. H. L. McCoy of Smethport and Dr. Evan O'Neil Kane of Kane were present. Six physicians will give up their home work in the near future to answer their country's call for surgeons. This will bring McKean County up to the level of other counties in Pennsylvania and maintain the high standing of the state in its total of patriotic volunteers.

—Memorial services for the G. A. R. and all friends will be held at Saint Luke's Episcopal church Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p. m., May 27th.

—The Rev. Cortlandt Whitehead S. T. D. Bishop of Pittsburgh will visit Saint Luke's church for confirmation Friday evening, May 31st, at 7:30 p. m.

A man whose Hat doesn't "feel right" is never at ease. Read Monheimer's Hat-Offering in to-days MINER.

—H. C. Wells announces that tomorrow, Friday, May 24, he will give ten per cent of all sales made at his store to the Red Cross campaign committee that is endeavoring to raise $10,000 in this district this week. This is a generous offer on the part of Mr. Wells and should be taken advantage of by every person who wishes to help the Red Cross.

—Edward McQuillan was taken from Smethport Tuesday morning to the Allegany workhouse by Sheriff Jones, where he will be confined as result of sentence imposed for theft of two bottles of ketchup at a Smethport store. The nature of the loot obtained is a puzzle to Smethport residents though ketchup cocktails are claimed to be popular in "dry" territory.—Kane Republican.

—From information received by Smethport people that the 112th Reg. has arrived safely in France and numbers among its men the following from this place: Alex Barbour; Clinton V. Clark, Paul Denning; Harold Howard; James McCabe; William Nellis; Leo Ostrum; Cecil Reynolds, Samuel Schoolmaster; Edward Taylor and Homer L. Thomas.

—A two-reel Red Cross picture will be shown at the Star Theatre in addition to the regular picture tonight (Thursday) and Mr. Kerr is donating the entire proceeds to the Red Cross. There will be two evening shows, admission 25c. and an afternoon performance for the children, admission 5 and 10 cents. The cashier and ushers will be Red Cross workers and the performance should receive the support of every person in town.

—The MINER has made arrangements for the publication of another war story, to run as a serial, commencing about June 13, the week following the closing chapters of "Over the Top." The many hundred readers who have enjoyed Empy's great serial are assured that "Outwitting the Hun", the new story, is fully as interesting. "Outwitting the Hun" deals mainly with battles in the air, written by an aviator who has had hundreds of thrilling experiences. The MINER'S offer of 14 weeks for 50 cents to new subscribers is still good. Better subscribe now.

—The study of German has been dropped from the curriculum of the Bradford High School. The same is true of Ridgway and St. Marys. Isn't it about time for Smethport to do likewise? There seems to be no good reason to continue the study of this language in the schools now aside from the fact that it is the language of our enemies and a knowledge of it might be of help in some branches of the government service. Our understanding is that when the study was added to the high school work in many parts of the country, the German language bade fair to become the commercial language of the world. Now that is all changed and it will be many generations before Germany is enough of a commercial power to again command a serious study of its language. The great development of South America which is bound to follow the end of the world war would seem to warrant considerable attention to becoming more familiar as a nation with the Spanish language. It is commendable, however, that the schools which have abolished the study of German are giving much more attention to United States history and civil government.

Potted plants and cut flowers for Decoration Day at D. M. Brasteds' ad.

PERSONAL MENTION

T. H. Morrison was a visitor in Olean Friday.

Floyd Heath of Mt. Jewett was in town Sunday.

Miss Agnes Fay was an Olean visitor Saturday.

C. I. Davis of Colegrove was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. T. H. Purtle was a visitor in Bradford Thursday.

Neall Holder was a Buffalo visitor a few days this week.

Miss. Lillian Michaels was an Olean visitor Thursday.

Frank B. Fay visited relatives and frtends in Olean last week.

Sam Bloomster and family visited friends in Norwich Sunday.

W. K. Swetland of Coudersport was a Smethport visitor yesterday.

Sidney A. Burdick has returned from a trip to Cleveland, Ohio.

H. G. Berkhouse of Kane was a pleasant caller at this office Monday.

Attorney T. F. Mullin of Eldred was in attendance at court last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Potter and Miss Carrie Natello were Kane visitors Friday.

Mrs. Sheridan Gorton and daughter Miss Rita were Olean visitors Friday last.

E. A. Studholme visited relatives and friends in Hamilton, Ontario, last week.

Mrs. O. J. Hamlin and daughter, Hannah, returned Friday from a visit in Erie.

J. W. Avery of Betula was among the pleasant callers at this office Thursday.

Attorney C. W. Catlin of Port Allegany was a caller at the MINER office Friday.

Mrs. C. C. Choate and son, Homer, and Mrs. T. H. Morrison were in Olean Friday.

Mrs. Charles Razey of Kane is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Frank Potter and family.

Mrs. H. C. Wells and daughter, Miss Irma Wells were guests of friends in Bradford, Friday.

Mrs. F. H. Hungiville, Miss Mate Connolly and Miss Belva Ford were in Bradford, Friday.

F. M. Adams of Duke Center was in town Thursday and made the MINER office a pleasant call.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Brasted and daughter, Miss Zela Brasted, were Bradford visitors Friday.

George G. Hamilton of Eldred was in town yesterday on business and was a caller at this office.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schlosser and son, Leo, of Shinglehouse were guests of relatives in this place Sunday.

Robert Daly was home from Buffalo and spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Daly.

David Schleif and son, Howard of Clermont were in town yesterday and were leasant callers at this office.

Mrs. A. H. Pierce, Jr., has returned home from a visit with Mrs. Burt Jones and family at Allegany, N. Y.

Mrs. F. S. Albertson and daughter, Elizabeth, of Mt. Jewett were guests of Mrs. E. A. Green and family Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Holcomb and children of Port Allegany were guests of relatives and friends in Smethport Sunday.

Hon. and Mrs. J. W. Bouton, Edwin Bouton, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Eastman and son, Jack, were Jamestown, N. Y. visitors Sunday.

Mrs. H. R. Fessler, daughter Elizabeth, and son, Herman, of Auburn, N. Y., are guests of Mrs. Fessler's sister, Mrs. Wm. Hafner.

Mrs. N. J. Peterson has returned to her home in Wilcox, Pa., after a short visit with her sister, Mrs. C. L. Irons and Mrs. J. A. Swanson.

O. J. Hamlin returned from Bogalusa, La., Friday, where he attended a meeting of the board of directors of the Great Southern Lumber Co.

Dr. J. Lee Eberly left last evening for Cambridge Springs, Pa., to attend the Lake Erie Dental Association which is now in session in that city.

Miss Mayme Potter, a studen at Bryant and Stratton Business College at Buffalo has been spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Potter.

C. B. Corwin went to Buffalo, N. Y., yesterday to visit his brother-in-law, Earl P. Hafner, before the latter leaves for the training camp at Camp Dix, Wrightstown, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Quirk, Mrs. Michael O'Brien, Miss Marie O'Brien, Miss Winifred O'Brien, Miss Vera Jones and Neall Holder were Sergeant visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Eastman, Mrs. J. E. Walker, Mrs. B. T. Garlick and Miss Dora Keenan were Bradford visitors last Friday, The trip being made in the Eastman car.

Miss Jennie Ryan of Kane as a guest of her sister Mrs. R. C. Gleason Monday. On Tuesday Miss Ryan and Mrs. Gleason entertained the Smethport Auction Bridge club at the Ryan homestead in Kane. The trip was made in automobiles.

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CLAIMS THAT CHRIST WROTE THIS LETTER.

Former Akron Woman Sends Copy of Epistle to Beacon Journal from Courtland, Arizona.

Country papers throughout the southwest are printing, usually at the request of subscribers, what purports to be a letter written by Christ. In this letter was an injunction that it should be "published" to the world by whoever found it, together with the statement that misfortune and bad luck would follow the person having possession of it in the event that it was not given publicity.

There is likewise a promise that whoever may have a copy of this letter in his or her possession will prosper and be followed by good fortune. The promise and the prediction seem to have had such effect on many persons that the spread of this letter bids fair to equal that of the famous "chain prayer," which swept over this country and England a few years ago.

A number of persons have sent copies of the letter to the Beacon Journal with requests that it be printed. In many cases the explaination has been given that it was sent the writer by some friend, while in other instances it is clipped direct from a newspaper by the sender.

One of the latest of those to furnish a copy of it to the Beacon Journal is Mrs. D. W. Brown, Courtland, Arizona, formerly of Summit county, Ohio.

Contents of Letter.

According to the history of the letter as it is variously recorded it was written by Christ just after His crucifixion signed by the Angel Gabriel 99 years after the Savior's birth and promptly deposited by him under a stone at the foot of the cross.

On this stone appeared the legend: "He lied is he who shall turn me over." No one knew what this inscription meant or seemed to have sufficient curiosity to investigate, until the stone was turned over by a child and the letter, which follows, was discovered:

"Whosoever works on the Sabbath day shall be cursed. I command you to go to church and keep holy the Lord's day without any manner of work. You shall not idle or misspend your time in bedecking yourselves in superfluities of costly apparel and vain dressing, for I have ordered it a day of rest. I will have that day kept holy that your sins may be forgiven you.

"You will not break my commandments, but observe and keep them they being written by my hand and spoken from my mouth. You shall not only go to church yourselves, but also your manservant and maidservant. Observe my words and learn my commandments.

"You shall finish your work every Saturday at 6 o'clock in the afternoon, at which hour the preparation for the Sabbath begins. I advise you to fast five Fridays in the year beginning on Good Friday and continuing the Fridays following in remembrance of the five bloody wounds I received for you and mankind.

Shall Love One Another.

You shall love one another and cause them that are not baptised to come to church and receive the holy sacrament that is to say, baptism and then the supper of the Lord, and be made a member thereof, and in so doing I will give you long life and many blessings. Your land shall be replenished and bring forth abundance and I will comfort you in the greatest temptation; and surely he that doeth to the contrary shall be cursed.

"I will also send hardness of the heart on them, and especially on hardened and unpentent unbelievers. He that hath given to the poor shall find it profitable. Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day, for the seventh day I have taken as a resting day to myself.

"And he that hath a copy of this letter, written by my own hand and spoken from my own mouth, and keepeth it, without publishing it to others, shall not prosper, but he that publisheth it to others shall be blessed by me, and if their sins be as many as the stars at night, and if they truly believe they shall be pardoned, and they that believe not this writing and my commandments will have my plagues upon you, and you will be consumed with your children, goods, cattle and all other worldly enjoyments that I have given you. Do but once think of what I have suffered for you—if you do it will be well for you in this world and in the world which is to come."

Should Save Copy.

"Whosoever shall have a copy of this letter and keep it in their house, nothing shall hurt them, neither pestilence, lightning or thunder, and if any woman be in birth and put her trust in me she shall be delivered of her child. You shall hear no more news of me, except through the Holy Scripture, until the day of judgment. All goodness and prosperity shall be in the house where a copy of this letter shall be found. Finished."

From the hands of the child who found it the letter is said to have passed in to the possession of a convert to the Christian faith. For some reason possibly because of the persecutions to which Christians were frequently subjected, or from fear of ridicule, this convert failed to have the letter published.

He kept it, however, as a sacred memento of Christ, and as such passed it on to his eldest son, who likewise transmitted it, and thus it came down through many generations, but never was published, the tradition being that when it finally was given publicity it would be in this one family for more than a thousand years.

During all this period of time, the story goes, the family suffered repeated and continuous misfortunes. Discouraged members had migrated to countries other than that in which the persons who had gotten the letter from the child had lived—Palestine, evidently—and at last one of them came to America, bringing the fateful letter with him.

Mrs. Fannie Wortman of Marion, Ind., is more or less familiar with the history of the letter since it came to America. The family having possession of it settled in Virginia, still keeping the fact of the letter a secret. It seems that descendants of Virginia family moved further south, still followed by misfortune, and finally the last member, a daughter, approached her death bed.

Woman's Understanding.

One story is to the effect that with the death of this daughter the entire family which had for so many centuries disobeyed the injunctions of the letter, and with such dire results, was extinguished. At any rate—and this is Mrs. Wortman's understanding—the daughter, on her death bed, called in a neighbor woman by the name of Thompson and turned the letter over to her, relating its history as it had come down through a thousand years or more.

Impressed by the story she had heard from the lips of the dying girl, and by the text of the letter, the Thompson woman immediately began an attempt to have it published, and it appeared in the Rome (Ga.) Tribune on October 31, 1891. From there it was reprinted in the Dalton, (Ga.) Citizen, and Mrs. Wortman, now living at Marion, Ind., clipped it and retained it in her possession for many years.

Recently Mrs. Wortman had it reprinted in the Marion paper, stating at the time that during the time she had retained the letter in her possession, without having it published, or attempting to, she has had a species of bad luck which she attributed to her failure to secure publicity for the letter.

Mrs. Rubie Crutchfield of Trezevant, Tenn., is another woman who claims that having the letter in her possession without securing its publication has brought her a varied lot of misfortunes. She retained it for three years then induced the Grenfield, (Tenn.) Times to print it.

Ingenious Calculator.

A calculator that shows the money values of one country in the terms of several others and applies the values to various weights and measures has been invented by a Frenchman.

Geese Fooled by Light.

Geese are fattened for market in Austria by confining them in a dark room to which light is admitted 10 or 15 times a day. Whenever the light is on the geese think it is meal time.

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BUYER PROTECTED BY ADVERTISING

Manufacturer Must Maintain Quality of Goods Bearing His Name.

HIS REPUTATION AT STAKE

Man Who Buys Standard Brands From Local Merchants Knows That He Is Getting Full Value for His Money.

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Time was when advertising did not occupy the place in the world of trade that it does today. It has not been so very many years ago that the people were suspicious of advertising. They were inclined to believe that the merchant was trying to "fool" them with his advertising, that he exaggerated the value of the merchandise he advertised and took that method of trying to get them to buy goods that he could not sell by the old established methods of merchandising.

Those days are gone. The public now realizes that it is the greatest beneficiary of advertising.

Advertising has done more in a decade to establish certain standards in merchandise than could have been accomplished in a hundred years by any other agency. The manufacturer who a few years ago merely made and sold clothes now makes and sells the Blank brand of clothes. The man who formerly just made hats now makes Blank's hats. And so it is with everything that one buys today. The manufacturer, by his advertising, has built up his business around a trade name and if he is to continue in business he must protect that trade name by maintaining such a high standard of quality that people, when they buy his products will know just what they are getting. The consumer, when he goes into a store today, does not buy merchandise blindly, with the HOPE that it will prove to be worth the money. He buys standard goods that bear the trade-mark of the manufacturer and that are backed by the reputation not only of the merchant who sells them but the manufacturer who makes them. This has been brought about by advertising.

No Reputation to Protect.

All this applies to the retail merchants as a class but it does not apply to the mail order business. The man or woman who buys goods from a catalogue house is not protected by the manufacturer of the goods for the reason that most manufacturers who sell goods to the mail order houses do not place their names upon the goods and therefore have no reputation to protect.

The great majority of articles listed and illustrated in the mail order catalogues are included in what is known among manufacturers as "stencil" stuff. These articles bear the name of the mail order house which sells them instead of that of the manufacturer who makes them. It can readily be understood that any manufacturing concern which turns out goods that do not bear its name or trade-mark is likely to be a very unreliable institution. It is not building up any reputation on the quality of its goods for its products have nothing to distinguish them from the products of any other concern. With no reputation to sustain and no chance of creating a general demand for its goods the only concern of a manufacturing institution of this kind is to make stuff as cheaply as possible in order to obtain the largest possible profit on its products.

Same Price World Over.

These facts are chiefly responsible for the generally prevailing idea that the home merchants do not sell goods as cheaply as the mail order house. They do sell the same quality of goods that the mail order house sells as cheaply as the mail order house sells it but they cannot sell the standard, guaranteed products of responsible manufacturers at the same price at which the mail order house sells its nameless, unbranded merchandise. Standard goods bearing a registered trade-mark sell for the same price the world over and the manufacturer's guarantee stands back of them when they are sold in the smallest village in the country just the same as when they are sold in the stores of the largest cities.

This is what the national advertising of the manufacturers has done for the consumers of the country. It has enabled them to go into their home stores and buy merchandise which they know from past experience or from the reputation and guarantee of the manufacturer will give them satisfaction. They are not buying blindly and hopefully when they buy from the merchants in their home towns. They are buying with the knowledge that they are getting their money's worth. When they buy advertised brands they are getting double protection, that which is afforded by the responsibility of the retail merchant and that which is given by the reputation and guarantee of the manufacturer. When they buy the unknown brands of goods that are offered by the mail order houses they are getting neither kind of protection.

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"Over the Top"

By An American Soldier Who Went

ARTHUR GUY EMPEY

Machine Gunner Serving in France

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Turning to his company, the captain said:

"Men, it's a case of going West for us. We are out of ammunition and bombs, and the Boches have us in a trap. They will bomb us out. Our bayonets are useless here. We will have to go over and meet them, and it's a case of thirty to one, so send every thrust home, and die like the men of D company should. When I give the word, follow me, and up and at them. Give them h——! Lord, if we only had a machine gun, we could ... out! Here they come, get ...

... ished speaking, the wel... of a machine gun in ... out, and the front line ... ing Germans seemed to ... They wavered, but once ... rushing onward. Down ... second line. The machine ... ing an awful toll of lives. ... in they tried to advance, but ... machine gun mowed them down. Dropping their rifles and bombs, they broke and fled in a wild rush back to their trench, amid the cheers of "D" company. They were forming again for another attack, when in the rear of D company came a mighty cheer. The ammunition had arrived and with it a battalion of Scotch to re-enforce them. They were saved. The unknown machine gunner had come to the rescue in the nick of time.

With the re-enforcements it was an easy task to take the third German line.

After the attack was over, the captain and three of his noncommissioned officers, wended their way back to the position where the machine gun had done its deadly work. He wanted to thank the gunner in the name of D company for his magnificent deed. They arrived at the gun, and an awful sight met their eyes.

Lloyd had reached the front line trench, after his company had left it. A strange company was nimbly crawling up the trench ladders. They were re-enforcements going over. They were Scotties, and they made a magnificent sight in their brightly colored kilts and bare knees.

Jumping over the trench, Lloyd raced across "No Man's Land," unheeding the rain of bullets, leaping over dark forms on the ground, some of which lay still, while others called out to him as he speeded past.

He came to the German front line, but it was deserted, except for heaps of dead and wounded—a grim tribute to the work of his company, good old D company. Leaping trenches, and gasping for breath, Lloyd could see right ahead of him his company in a dead-ended sap of a communication trench, and across the open, away in front of them, a mass of Germans preparing for a charge. Why didn't D company fire on them? Why were they so strangely silent? What were they waiting for? Then he knew—their ammunition was exhausted.

But what was that on his right? A machine gun. Why didn't it open fire and save them? He would make that gun's crew do their duty. Rushing over to the gun he saw why it had not opened fire. Scattered around its base lay six still forms. They had brought their gun to consolidate the captured position, but a German machine gun had decreed they would never fire again.

Lloyd rushed to the gun and, grasping the traversing handles, trained it on the Germans. He pressed the thumbpiece, but only a sharp click was the result. The gun was unloaded. Then he realized his helplessness. He did not know how to load the gun. Oh, why hadn't he attended the machine gun course in England? He'd been offered the chance, but with a blush of shame he remembered that he had been afraid. The nickname of the machine gunners had frightened him. They were called the "Suicide club." Now, because of this fear, his company would be destroyed, the men of D company would have to die, because he, Albert Lloyd, had been afraid of a name. In his shame he cried like a baby. Anyway he could die with them and, rising to his feet, he stumbled over the body of one of the gunners, who emitted a faint moan. A gleam of hope flashed through him. Perhaps this man could tell him how to load the gun. Stooping over the body, he gently shook it and the soldier opened his eyes. Seeing Lloyd, he closed them again and, in a faint voice, said:

"Get away, you blighter, leave me alone. I don't want any coward around me."

The words cut Lloyd like a knife, but he was desperate. Taking the revolver out of the holster of the dying man he pressed the cold muzzle to the soldier's head and replied:

"Yes, it is Lloyd, the coward of Company D, but so help me God, if you don't tell me how to load that gun I'll put a bullet through your brain!"

A sunny smile came over the countenance of the dying man and he said in a faint whisper:

"Good old boy! I knew you wouldn't disgrace our company——"

Lloyd interposed: "For God's sake, if you want to save that company you are so proud of, tell me how to load that d——d gun!"

As if reciting a lesson in school, the soldier replied in a weak, singsong voice: "Insert tag end of belt in feed block, with left hand pull belt to it front. Pull crank handle back on roller, let go, and repeat motion. Gun is now loaded. To fire, raise automatic safety latch, and press thumbpiece. Gun is now firing. If gun stops, ascertain position of crank handle—"

But Lloyd waited for no more. With wild joy at his heart he took a belt from one of the ammunition boxes lying beside the gun, and followed the dying man's instructions. Then he pressed the thumbpiece and a burst of fire rewarded his efforts. The gun was working.

Training it on the Germans he shouted for joy as their front rank went down.

Traversing the gun back and forth along the mass of Germans, he saw them break and run back to the cover of their trench, leaving their dead and wounded behind. He had saved his company, he, Lloyd, the coward, had "done his bit." Releasing the thumbpiece, he looked at the watch on his wrist. He was still alive at "3:38."

"Ping!"—a bullet sang through the air, and Lloyd fell forward across the gun. A thin trickle of blood ran down his face from a little, black, round hole in his forehead.

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"The sentence of the court had been "duly carried out."

The captain slowly raised the limp form drooping over the gun and, wiping the blood from the white face, recognized it as Lloyd, the coward of D company. Reverently covering the face with his handkerchief he turned to his "noncoms" and, in a voice husky with emotions, addressed them:

"Boys, it's Lloyd, the deserter. He has redeemed himself, died the death of a hero—died that his mates might live."

That afternoon a solemn procession wended its way toward the cemetery. In the front a stretcher was carried by two sergeants. Across the stretcher the Union Jack was carefully spread. Behind the stretcher came a captain and forty-three men, all that were left of D company.

Arriving at the cemetery, they halted in front of an open grave. All about them wooden crosses were broken and trampled into the ground.

A grizzled old sergeant, noting this destruction, muttered under his breath: "Curse the cowardly blighter who wrecked those crosses! If I could only get those two hands around his neck his trip West would be short."

The corpse on the stretcher seemed to move, or it might have been the wind blowing the folds of the Union Jack.

CHAPTER XXV.

Preparing for the Big Push.

Refolding Atwell after the execution I had a hard time trying to keep my secret from him. I think I must have lost at least ten pounds worrying over the affair.

Beginning at seven in the evening it was our duty to patrol all communication and front-line trenches, making note of unusual occurrences, and arresting anyone who should, to us, appear to be acting in a suspicious manner. We slept during the day.

Behind the lines there was great activity, supplies and ammunition pouring in, and long columns of troops constantly passing. We were preparing for the big offensive, the forerunner of the battle of the Somme or "Big Push."

The never-ending stream of men, supplies, ammunition and guns pouring into the front lines made a mighty spectacle, one that cannot be described. It has to be witnessed with your own eyes to appreciate its vastness.

As our part of the line the influx of supplies never ended. It looked like a huge snake slowly crawling forward, never a hitch or break, a wonderful tribute to the system and efficiency of Great Britain's "contemptible little army" of five millions of men.

Huge fifteen-inch guns snaked along, foot by foot, by powerful steam tractors. Then a long line of "four point five" batteries, each gun drawn by six horses, then a couple of "nine point two" howitzers pulled by immense caterpillar engines.

When one of these caterpillars would pass me with its mighty monster in tow, a flush of pride would mount to my face, because I could plainly read on the name plate, "Made in U. S. A.," and I would remember that if I wore a name plate it would also read, "From the U. S. A." Then I would stop to think how thin and straggly that mighty stream would be if all the "Made in U. S. A." parts of it were withdrawn.

Then would come hundreds of limbers and "G. S." wagons drawn by sleek, well-fed mules, ridden by sleek, well-fed men, ever smiling, although grimy with sweat and covered with the fine, white dust of the marvelously well-made French roads.

What a discouraging report the German airmen must have taken back to their division commanders, and this stream is slowly but surely getting bigger and bigger every day, and the pace is always the same. No slower, no faster, but ever onward, ever forward.

Three weeks before the big push of July 1—as the battle of the Somme has been called—started, exact duplicates of the German trenches were dug about thirty kilos behind our lines. The layout of the trenches was taken from airplane photographs submitted by the Royal flying corps. The trenches were correct to the foot; they showed dugouts, saps, barbed wire defenses and danger spots.

Battalions that were to go over in the first waves were sent back for three days to study these trenches, engage in practice attacks and have night maneuvers. Each man was required to make a map of the trenches and familiarize himself with the names and location of the parts his battalion was to attack.

In the American army noncommissioned officers are put through a course of map making or road sketching, and during my six years' service in the United States cavalry I had plenty of practice in this work, therefore mapping these trenches was a comparatively easy task for me. Each man had to submit his map to the company commander to be passed upon, and I was lucky enough to have mine selected as being sufficiently authentic to use in the attack.

No photographs or maps are allowed to leave France, but in this case it appealed to me as a valuable souvenir of the great war and I managed to smuggle it through. At this time it carries no military importance as the British lines, I am happy to say, have since been advanced beyond this point, so in having it in my possession I am not breaking any regulation or cautions of the British army.

The whole attack was rehearsed and rehearsed until we heartily cursed the one who had conceived the idea.

The trenches were named according to a system which made it very simple for Tommy to find, even in the dark, any point in the German lines.

These imitation trenches, or trench models, were well guarded from observation by numerous allied planes which constantly circled above them. No German airplane could approach within observation distance. A restricted area was maintained and no civilian was allowed within three miles, so we felt sure that we had a great surprise in store for Fritz.

When we took over the front line we received an awful shock. The Germans displayed signboards over the top of their trench showing the names that we had called their trenches. The signs read "Fair," "Fact," "Fate," and "Fancy," and so on, according to the code names on our map. Then to rub it in, they hoisted some more signs which read, "Come on, we are ready, stupid Englush."

It is still a mystery to me how they obtained this knowledge. There had been no raids or prisoners taken, so it must have been the work of spies in our own lines.

Three or four days before the big push we tried to shatter Fritz's nerves by feint attacks, and partially succeeded as the official reports of July 1 show.

Although we were constantly bombarding their lines day and night, still we fooled the Germans several times. This was accomplished by throwing an intense barrage into his lines—then using smoke shells we would put a curtain of white smoke across No Man's Land, completely obstructing his view of our trenches, and would raise our curtain of fire as if in an actual attack. All down our trenches the men would shout and cheer, and Fritz would turn loose with machine-gun, rifle, and shrapnel fire, thinking we were coming over.

After three or four of these dummy attacks his nerves must have been near the breaking point.

On June 24, 1916, at 9:40 in the morning our guns opened up, and hell was let loose. The din was terrific, a constant brom-boom-boom in your ear.

At night the sky was a red glare. Our bombardment had lasted about two hours when Fritz started replying. Although we were sending over ten shells to his one, our casualties were heavy. There was a constant stream of stretchers coming out of the communication trenches and burial parties were a common sight.

In the dugouts the noise of the guns almost hurt. You had the same sensation as when riding on the subway you enter the tube under the river going to Brooklyn—a sort of pressure on the ear drums, and the ground constantly trembling.

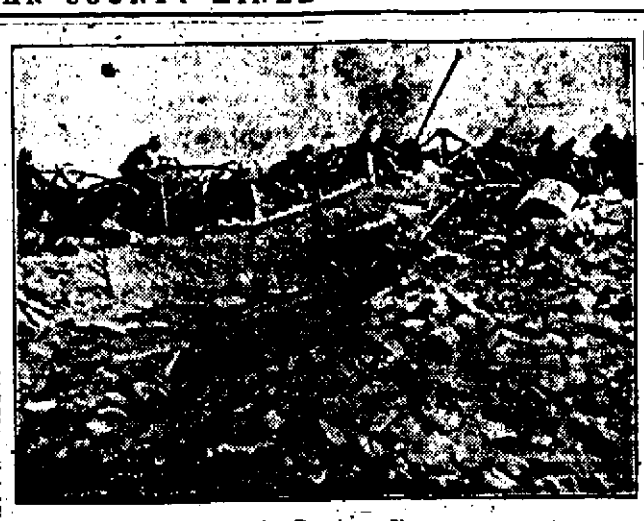
The roads behind the trenches were very dangerous because Boche shrapnel was constantly bursting over them. We avoided these dangerous spots by crossing through open fields.

The destruction in the German lines was awful and I really felt sorry for them because I realized how they must be clicking it.

From our front-line trench, every now and again, we could hear sharp whistle blasts in the German trenches. These blasts were the signals for stretcher bearers, and meant the wounding or killing of some German in the service of his fatherland.

Atwell and I had a tough time of it, patrolling the different trenches at night, but after awhile got used to it.

My old outfit, the machine gun company, was stationed in huge elephant dugouts about four hundred yards behind the front-line trench—they were in reserve. Occasionally I would stop in their dugout and have a confab with my former mates. Although we tried to be jolly, still, there was a lurking feeling of impending disaster. Each man was wondering, if, after the slogan, "Over the top with the best of luck," had been sounded, would he still be alive or would he be lying "somewhere in France." In an old dilapidated house, the walls of which were scarred with machine-gun bullets, No. 8 section of the machine gun company had its quarters. The company's cooks prepared the meals in this billet. On the fifth evening of the bombardment a German eight-inch shell registered a direct hit on the billet and wiped out ten men who were asleep in the supposedly bomb-proof cellar. They were buried the next day and I attended the funeral.



Over the Top in a Charge.

CHAPTER XXVI.

All Quiet (?) on the Western Front.

At brigade headquarters I happened to overhear a conversation between our G. O. C. (general officer commanding) and the divisional commander. From this conversation I learned that we were to bombard the German lines for eight days, and on the first of July the "big push" was to commence.

In a few days orders were issued to that effect, and it was common property all along the line.

On the afternoon of the eighth day of our "strafeing," Atwell and I were sitting in the front-line trench smoking fags and making out our reports of the previous night's tour of the trenches, which we had to turn in to headquarters the following day, when an order was passed down the trench that Old Pepper requested twenty volunteers to go over on a trench raid that night to try and get a few German prisoners for information purposes. I immediately volunteered for this job, and shook hands with Atwell, and went to the rear to give my name to the officers in charge of the raiding party.

I was accepted, worse luck.

At 9:45 that night we reported to the brigade headquarters dugout to receive instructions from Old Pepper.

After reaching this dugout we lined up in a semicircle around him, and he addressed us as follows:

"All I want you boys to do is to go over to the German lines tonight, surprise them, secure a couple of prisoners, and return immediately. Our artillery has bombarded that section of the line for two days and personally I believe that that part of the German trench is unoccupied, so just get a couple of prisoners and return as quickly as possible."

The sergeant on my right, in an undertone, whispered to me:

"Say, Yank, how are we going to get a couple of prisoners if the old fool thinks personally that that part of the trench is unoccupied,"—sounds kind of fishy, doesn't it mate?"

I had a funny sinking sensation in my stomach, and my tin hat felt as if it weighed about a ton and my enthusiasm was melting away. Old Pepper must have heard the sergeant speak because he turned in his direction and in a thundering voice asked:

"What did you say?"

The sergeant with a scarlet look on his face and his knees trembling, smartly saluted and answered:

"Nothing, sir."

Old Pepper said:

"Well, don't say it so loudly the next time."

Then Old Pepper continued:

"In this section of the German trenches there are two or three machine guns which our artillery, in the last two or three days, has been unable to tape. These guns command the sector where two of our communication trenches join the front line, and as the brigade is to go over the top tomorrow morning I want to capture two or three men from these guns' crews, and from them I may be able to obtain valuable information as to the exact location of the guns, and our artillery will therefore be able to demolish them before the attack, and thus prevent our losing a lot of men while using these communication trenches to bring up re-enforcements."

These were the instructions he gave us:

"Take off your identification disks, strip your uniforms of all numerals, insignia, etc., leave your papers with your captains, because I don't want the Boches to know what regiments are against them as this would be valuable information to them in our attack tomorrow and I don't want any of you to be taken alive. What I want is two prisoners and if I get them I have a way which will make them divulge all necessary information as to their guns. You have your choice of two weapons—you may carry your 'persuaders' or your knuckle knives, and each man will arm himself with four Mills bombs, these to be used only in case of emergency."

A persuader is Tommy's nickname for a club carried by the bombers. It is about two feet long, thin at one end and very thick at the other. The thick end is studded with sharp steel spikes, while through the center of the club there is a nine-inch lead bar, to give it weight and balance. When you get a prisoner all you have to do is just stick this club up in front of him, and believe me, the prisoner's patriotism for "Deutschland ueber Alles" fades away and he very willingly obeys the orders of his captor. If, however, the prisoner gets high-toned and refuses to follow you, simply "persuade" him by first removing his tin hat, and then—well, the use of the lead weight in the persuader is demonstrated, and Tommy looks for another prisoner.

The knuckle knife is a dagger affair, the blade of which is about eight inches long with a heavy steel guard over the grip. This guard is studded with steel projections. At night in a trench, which is only about three to four feet wide, it makes a very handy weapon. One punch in the face generally shatters a man's jaw and you can get him with the knife as he goes down.

Then we had what we called our "come-alongs." These are strands of barbed wire about three feet long, made into a noose at one end; at the other end, the barbs are cut off and Tommy slips his wrist through a loop to get a good grip on the wire. If the prisoner wants to argue the point, why just place the large loop around his neck and no matter if Tommy wishes to return to his trenches at the walk, trot, or gallop, Fritz is perfectly agreeable to maintain Tommy's rate of speed.

We were ordered to black our faces and hands. For this reason: At night, the English and Germans use what they call star shells, a sort of rocket affair. They are fired from a large pistol about twenty inches long, which is held over the sandbag parapet of the trench, and discharged into the air. These star shells attain a height of about sixty feet, and a range of from fifty to seventy-five yards. When they hit the ground they explode, throwing out a strong calcium light which lights up the ground in a circle of a radius of between ten to fifteen yards. They also have a parachute star shell which, after reaching a height of about sixty feet, explodes. A parachute unfolds and slowly floats to the ground, lighting up a large circle in No Man's Land. The official name of the star shell is a "Very-light." Very-lights are used to prevent night surprise attacks on the trenches. If a star shell falls in front of you, or between you and the German lines, you are safe from detection, as the enemy cannot see you through the bright curtain of light. But if it falls behind you and, as Tommy says, "you get in the star shell zone," then the fun begins; you have to lie flat on your stomach and remain absolutely motionless until the light of the shell dies out. This takes anywhere from forty to seventy seconds. If you haven't time to fall to the ground you must remain absolutely still in whatever position you were in when the light exploded; it is advisable not to breathe, as Fritz has an eye like an eagle when he thinks you are knocking at his door. When a star shell is burning in Tommy's rear he can hold his breath for a week.

You blacken your face and hands so that the light from the star shells will not reflect on your pale face. In a trench raid there is quite sufficient reason for your face to be pale. If you don't believe me, try it just once.

Then another reason for blackening your face and hands is that, after you have entered the German trench at night, "white face" means Germans, "black face" English. Coming around a traverse you see a white face in front of you. With a prayer and wishing Fritz "the best o' luck," you introduce him to your "persuader" or knuckle knife.

A little later we arrived at the communication trench named Whisky street, which led to the fire trench at the point we were to go over the top and out in front.

In our rear were four stretcher bearers and a corporal of the R. A. M. C. carrying a pouch containing medicines and first-aid appliances. Kind of a grim reminder to us that our expedition was not going to be exactly a picnic. The order of things was reversed. In civilian life the doctors generally come first, with the undertakers tagging in the rear and then the insurance man, but in our case, the undertakers were leading, with the doctors trailing behind, minus the insurance adjuster.

The presence of the R. A. M. C. men did not seem to disturb the raiders, because many a joke made in an undertone, was passed along the winding column, as to who would be first to take a ride on one of the stretchers. This was generally followed by a wish that, if you were to be the one, the wound would be a "cushy Blighty one."

The stretcher bearers, no doubt, hoping that, if they did have to carry anyone to the rear, he would be small and light. Perhaps they looked at me when wishing, because I could feel an uncomfortable, boring sensation between my shoulder blades. They got their wish all right.

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PORT ALLEGANY

Pretty Wedding at Rock Run—Well Known Young Lady Died—Personal Mention.

The many friends of Miss Wilma Kershner were deeply grieved at the news which came announcing her death early Monday morning at her home on Sixth street, Olean. She has been seriously ill for some time but her friends have steadily hoped for her recovery and the news of her death came as a shock to the community. Tho she has lived for several years at Olean, Port Allegany claims her as their own. Her mother belongs to one of Port Allegany's prominent pioneer families and spent most of her life at this place. Her father J. Willis Kershner, is a son of Mrs. B. Kershner, of Main street, and is well known to the townspeople.

The marriage of Mr. Dan Lane and Miss Helena Finn, both of Rock Run, was solemnized Tuesday morning at eight o'clock, at the St. Marys Church at Sartwell. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Fisher who used the impressive ring service.

The marriage of Miss Florence Lillibridge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clint Lillibridge and Charles G. Nelson, took place May 2nd at Jamestown, N. Y.

All the friends and school mates of Nina Laymon Wood extended much sympathy to her in her sad bereavement and regret that her illness prevented her coming to see the dear father at the time of his illness and demise.

Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Colcord returned home Tuesday from Newport News where they passed a few weeks the guest of thir son Major Colcord and family.

C. S. King and daughter Bessie, Mrs. Walter Barrho and Miss Christine Spraker motored to Bradford, Pa., Saturday and were guests of friends.

James Newton left Monday for Buffalo, N. Y., where he will pass a few weeks the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Cook.—Reporter.

BUSH HILL.

News of a Social Neighborhood Told in Brief Notes.

Mrs. Thos. Smith is visiting her daughter, Mrs. John Lyman of Port Allegany.

Leone Cochran and Forrest Abbey were seen on our roads Tuesday evening.

Nellie Smith was a pleasant caller on Mrs. John Bush Wednesday last.

Grover Van Sickles of Olean, N. Y. is visiting his brother, Rubin of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Upper of Turtle Point called on Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gordon Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reynolds and son, Edward were Smethport shoppers Saturday.

P. S. Curran of Smethport was a day last.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lucy motored to Olean, Wednesday evening.

FARMERS VALLEY

Home from Philadelphia—Is Not Improving—Attend Grange Saturday Night.

Mrs. Martha Beckwith returned Thursday from Philadelphia where she has been visiting relatives for some time.

Mrs. Thomas Soules who has been ill for some time is not improving.

Mr. Willis Wandover and family of Sharon Center, and Miss Gladys Sloat from Milport were Sunday guest of George Rockefeller.

Miss Gladys Bray left Tuesday for a stay in Bradford.

Mrs. A. L. Herzog visited friends in Bradford Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stull of Portville, Mrs. D. L. Tormey of Smethport and Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Stull and daughter Patty of Olean, called on Bert Richmond and family Sunday.

Mrs. L. B. Roeder is spending a few days in Portville and Olean this week.

There will be initiation in the third and fourth degree at Grange on Saturday night. All members especially requested to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Richmond attended the funeral of Miss Wilma Kershner in Port Allegany on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Herzog and Mrs. D. W. Dor[illegible] were in Port Allegany on Thursday.

CLERMONT

Red Cross Rally in the M. E. church at eight in the evening, Friday, May 24th. Rev. Hermon Tubbs of Duke Centre will give a patriotic address. Patriotic songs by Boy Scouts and others. An invitation is given to all to come and hear and do their bit in the giving.

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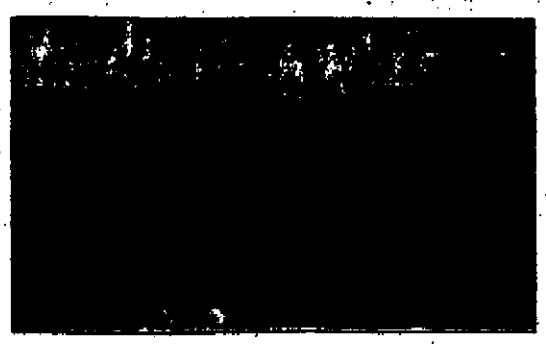

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An Interesting Collection of Personal and News Items.

H. J. Rice of Smethport was a pleasant caller in town Wednesday.

F. B. Grantier of Crosby was a week-end guest of his daughter, Mrs. J. L. Raszmann.

W. R. Evans and family drove to Smethport Friday evening.

Mrs. Lillian Huff of Buffalo is visiting relatives in town.

Floyd Moore was a Smethport visitor, Monday.

Messrs. F. B. Grantier of Crosby, H. P. Peterson of Smethort, and J. L. Raszmann autoed to Olean, Sunday.

Mrs. Mildred Stickles of Coryville was an over Sunday visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rice.

Several of our townspeople attended the dance at Farmers Valley Friday evening.

Fred Cleveland of Pierce Brook called on Eros Carpenter, Tuesday.

Miss Luella Moyer was a guest of Mrs. J. L. Raszmann one day last week.

Harry Whitmore of Slack Hollow has moved his family to Crosby where he has a position in the Penna. R. R. Station.

Mrs. F. A. Moore of Coryville spent Saturday with her sister, Mrs. Eros Carpenter.

Frank Foote and son, Merle, of Olean were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rice.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Harris of Slack Hollow, were guests of their daughter, Mrs. W. A. Barnes of Ischua, N. Y., recently.

F. E. Upthegrove of Port Allegany sheared sheep for Eros Carpenter Thursday.

Theodore Raszmann, the Misses Albertie Rice and Kathleen Johnson passed the county examinations for 8th grade pupils at Eldred May 11th.

CROSBY

Held Picnic in Woods—Attended W. C. T. U. Convenion.

Mr. W. C. Cleveland was a Bradford visitor Friday.

Raymond Gifford, Jessie Hendrickson and Hattie Smith autoed to Mt. Jewett last Wednesday evening.

Miss Mildred Wilcox closed a very successful term of schol at Wernway last Friday.

Mrs. B. W. Heinemann atended the W. C. T. U. Convention in Bradford last week.

Mr. F. B. Grantier spent the week-end in Larabee, visiting his daughter, Mrs. Lydia Raszmann.

Mrs. Nettie Marsh and Mrs. Frank Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cleveland started for Oklahoma this week to spend a short time.

The revival meetings closed Sunday evening. Two new members taken in on Probation.

Miss Richards spent Thursday and Friday at the home of Mrs. Herman Kruger.

Mr. Frit Benson went to Mt. Jewett last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hays and Miss Margurite Cleveland were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cleveland.

Mr. and Mrs. Whetmore and children are nicely located on Wood Lawn Avenue.

Mrs. John Bloomster and son Dan, autoed to Crosby last Friday to visit relatives.

The Misses Velma and Hazel Wilcox gave a very pleasant surprise party Tuesday night in honor of Herbert Grinolds, it being his 15th Birthday. Twenty two young people were present, the evening was spent in playing games. All report a very nice time.

Miss Velma and Master Merle Wilcox were Smethport shoppers Tuesday p. m.

The Misses Hendrickson and Harriet Smith and Messrs. Raymond Gifford and Richard Francis autoed to Port Allegany Friday evening.

Miss Gladys DeHass called on her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kelly last week.

The following young people enjoyed a picnic in Heinemann's woods Sunday; Mildred, Velma, Hazel and Merle Wilcox and Raymond and Herbert Gronolds.

Raymond Grinolds went to Port Allegany Monday returning Tuesday.

Mr. Raymond Gifford is one out of Crosby to leave for training camp on the 25t.

Mr. Julius Terriscotty (formerly of Crosby) is nicely located in Camp Meade.

The Misses Velma and Hazel Wilcox called on Miss Mable Larson Saturday evening.

LA FAYETTE

Pie Social Affords much Pleasure—Farewell Party Wednesday evening Grange Hall.

Mrs F. A. Newton who has been ill for several days is improving.

Miss Rose Black is collecting for the Red Cross in Lafayette this week.

Mrs. Aletha Kemery of Buffalo who is visiting her uncle, F. G. Tenny spent Saturday and Sunday as the guests of her son in Lewis Run.

Mrs. J. E. Anderson was called to Warren Friday by the illness of her mother Mrs. Tuttle. Shortly after her arrival there, her nephew, Lloyd Babcock was found drowned in Conewango Creek. The funeral was held at North Warren Sunday p. m. at 1:30. In addition to Mrs. Anderson's relatives in attendance from Lafayette were: Mr. J. E. Anderson, son Carl Anderson and daughters, Mrs. L. G. Barnes and Mrs. G. L. Hilliard, the latter being from Bradford.

Master Vernie Black and Carl Anderson were in Custer City Monday to visit the former's sister, Mrs. Jno O'Neill.

Miss Minnie Webb has gone to Bradford on professional duty.

Frank Glass has arrived in town to take charge of the air compressor at Timbuc for the South Penn Oil Co. Lawrence Fenstermaker who formerly had charge of them has been drafted and will leave for Camp next week.

Mrs. Glen Sterling and daughter Jane have gone to Bradford for a visit with relatives.

N. B. Hoop is very ill at his home here. He was recently injured by having a barrel of water fall on his chest which injured him quite severely. His many friends hope for a speedy recovery.

A pie social was held in Grange Hall last Friday evening for the benefit of the Red Cross. While the attendance was not as large as would be wished a fair sum was realized for the fund.

A farewell party will be held in Grange Hall Wednesday in honor of Raymond Vennard and Lawrence Fenstermaker, wo draftees, from this district who will leave for camp next week.

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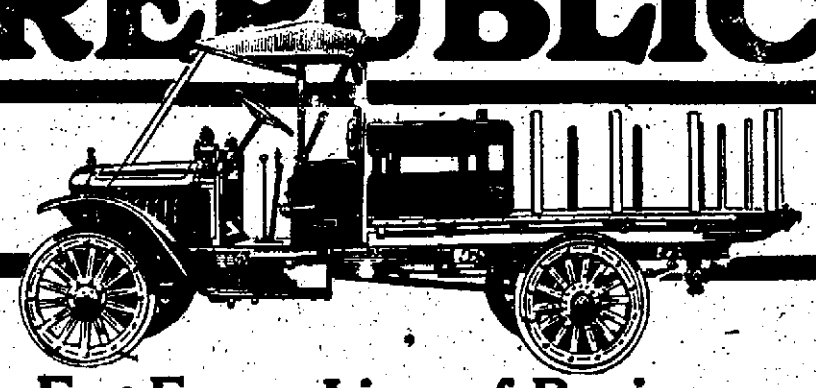

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